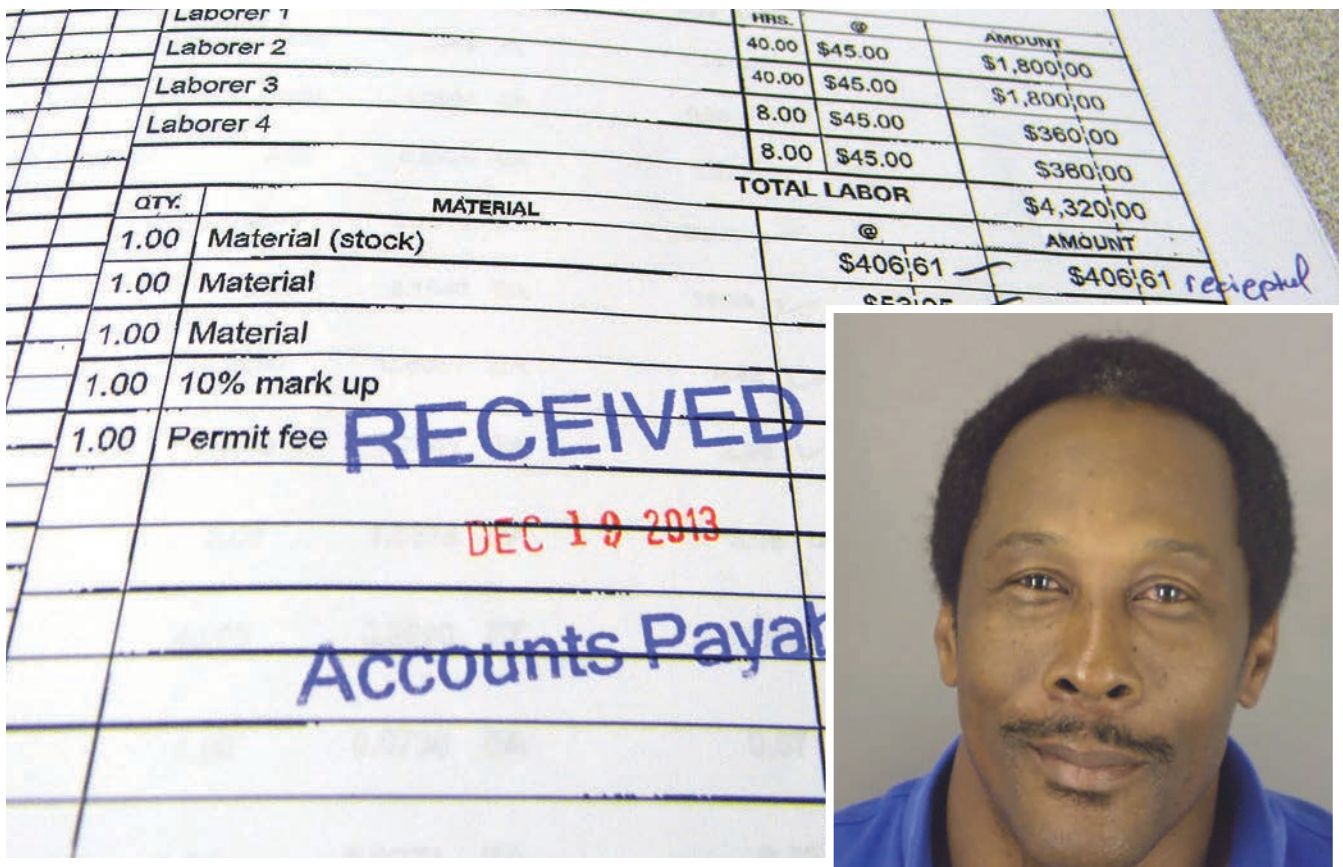
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Appeals court upholds Beaumont ISD contractor conviction

By Jennifer Johnson
Managing Editor

Feb. 9, nearly eight years after former Beaumont Independent School District (BISD) contract electrician Calvin Walker was indicted in July 2014 for crimes alleging he defrauded the district of more than $1 million through deceptive documentation, phony invoices and padded work orders, an appeals court has affirmed the indictment, jury trial and restitution order handed down to the felon convicted of securing execution of a document by deception in January 2020.

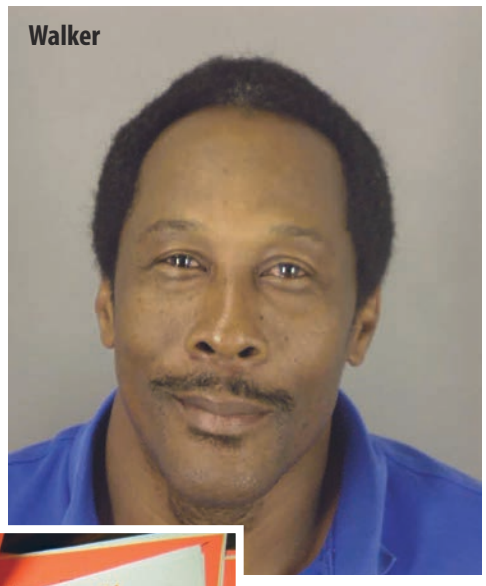
As noted in the Ninth Court of Appeals decision, Walker and his legal team, led by Houston attorney Dick Deguerin, have kept the charges against the defendant in limbo for years by utilizing the county, district and state appeals process. A brief delineation of the process was even made part of the Feb. 9 opinion.

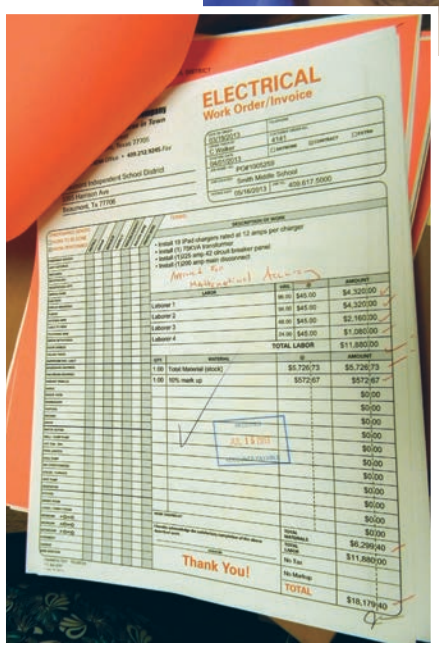
"We note that in 2014, Calvin Walker filed applications for pretrial writs of habeas corpus seeking to dismiss his cases on double jeopardy and due process grounds.

"After concluding the state had not forfeited the dual sovereignty doctrine, the trial court found that Walker's double jeopardy claim lacked merit and denied Walker's applications. The trial court also determined that based on Walker's petitions and attached documents, it could render a proper ruling without further development of Walker's claim.

"Walker appealed the ruling denying his pretrial applications. This court affirmed the trial court's rulings in those appeals, holding that Walker was not entitled to relief," the court record recites. But, that was just covering the first set of appeals, and fails to even touch on the arguments sent to the Texas Supreme Court.

"In 2017, Walker filed more applications seeking habeas relief. He asked the trial court to dismiss the indictments on double jeopardy grounds, and he challenged the constitutionality of the separate sovereign exception. The trial court also denied those applications, finding Walker's claims without merit. Walker appealed, and this court affirmed the trial court's rulings in the opinion the court issued in 2018."


Walker



At the heart of the alleged criminal activity are checks Walker received from BISD for work performed prior to May 2009. According to prosecutors, Walker submitted falsified invoices and fraudulently applied check receipts to collect roughly $1,172,656.01 from the taxpayers of BISD that he was not entitled to. Walker's defense promoted the idea that Walker was free to charge whatever he wanted for BISD jobs that included hurricane remediation at BISD campuses, and the falsified documents were unnecessary fluff.

A jury elected to believe Walker had indeed used deception to secure the overpayment, and, in October 2019, the trial court pronounced judgment, suspended Walker's punishment of 10 years of confinement, placed Walker on probation for a period of 10 years, and indicated the court would conduct another hearing and impose any remaining conditions relevant to Walker's probation after presiding Judge John Stevens received Walker's post-sentence report.



Nov. 5, 2019, Walker filed his Sentencing Memoranda, in which he argued the trial court should not order restitution.

Walker, effectively able to stall the proceedings yet again, was back in court to challenge the next phase of the trial through the end of 2019 – but, unlike the years that pass between filings when the defense takes arguments to the appeals court, the arguments were quickly passed through the Jefferson County trial court.

"On January 8, 2020, the trial court conducted a hearing to decide what amount to award in restitution," the appeals court opinion released Feb. 9 detailed through the pen of Chief Justice W. Scott Goleman. "Following the January 2020 hearing, the trial court orally pronounced and ordered Walker to pay BISD $1,172,656.01 in restitution and entered an Order of Restitution and a Judgment that same day to include the amount of restitution pronounced in open court."

Another appeal was then made by the defense – Walker wanted a new trial. Judge Stevens denied the request, which was then brought to the Court of Appeals for further consideration. It took two years, but the Feb. 9 opinion upheld the trial court's determination.

Summing up the appeals court's opinion of Walker's objections: Appeal No. 1 – overruled; Appeal No. 2 – overruled; Appeal No. 3 – overruled; Appeal No. 4 – overruled; Appeal No. 5 – overruled; Appeal No. 6 – overruled.

"Having overruled Walker's issues, we affirm the trial court's judgment," the tribunal of the appeals court agreed.

The appeal court upholding the trial court's verdict doesn't necessarily put an end to this chapter, as Walker's team could file a motion for reconsideration or apply for discretional review by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

"That will take some time," Jefferson County First Assistant District Attorney Pat Knauth said, addressing whether or not the State V. Walker case is officially closed. Knauth anticipates some form of appeal, and his office stands ready to fight for justice for the stakeholders defrauded by Walker's criminality. "After learning if the court grants further consideration, we will do what we need to do.

"When that timeline has run, then a mandate will issue. Once that occurs, Walker's sentence will be issued."

Knauth said the state will never be able to recoup the man hours and funding that has been used to prosecute this case for almost a decade, but the seasoned prosecutor is satisfied with the $1 million-plus in restitution, $10,000 fine and six months upfront jail time Walker will be required to serve – either all at once, or on the weekends.

"We're looking forward to him starting his sentence sometime soon," Knauth said. "He's been waiting for justice for a long time, and this is long overdue."

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Hanna, former DA, 'magnificent human being'

By Chad Cooper
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Hanna

Thomas L. "Tom" Hanna, a former Jefferson County District Attorney who helped start the careers of Bob Wortham, Larry Thorne, Tom Maness, Gary Sanderson, late Larry Gist and the late Leonard Giblin and countless others, died Feb. 6. He was 83.

"He was a great man," said Wortham, the current District Attorney in Jefferson County who plans to retire at the end of the year. "I started practicing law in the district attorney's office Oct. 6, 1973, for Tom in misdemeanor court and I will end my career in that office."

Earning a law school degree from the University of Texas, Hanna began practicing in 1964 and was first elected as the Jefferson County District Attorney in 1970. He spent eight years in the office until 1978, when he left to become the Executive Director of the State Bar of Texas. From there, he joined the firm of Mehaffy, Weber, Keith and Gonsoulin. In 1996, Hanna practiced law at his own firm.

"He treated everyone the same way they would have wanted to be treated," said Wortham. "He chose extremely talented people to work for him. Until this day, I ask 'How would Tom Hanna handle this situation? What would Tom do in similar circumstances. That's the way a lot of my decisions are made."

Thorne, who is set to retire from the 317th Civil District Court bench later this year, described Hanna as a "lawyer's lawyer" and incredible to work for.

"Tom was a lawyer that anyone would want to be," said Thorne. "He was incredible to work for and there to help you. He was a magnificent mentor, human being and friend. It's a big loss for Jefferson County and the state of Texas."

Hailing from Hall Summit, Louisiana, and residing in Nederland, Hanna is predeceased by his parents, Claiborne Hanna and Ruth Hanna; and his granddaughter Kara Whitaker Hudson. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Shifflette Hanna; his children, Rebecca Authement and Thomas Lee Hanna, Jr. (Julie); his grandchildren, Devin Morgan, JoLinn Russell (Wesley), James Hanna, KayLeigh Threlkeld and Peyton Hanna; and his great grandchildren, Gracyan Hudson, Riley Hudson, Addyson Hudson, Emma Morgan, Devin Morgan, Jr. and Daxton Morgan.

Visitation will be held at Calder Baptist Church (1005 N. 11th St.) in Beaumont on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 2-3 p.m. A funeral service will proceed at 3 p.m.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

Black History Month: The Examiner honors Essie Bellfield

Essie Lagard Bellfield, 89, former Orange mayor, voting advocate, civic leader and community champion, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022. Bellfield was a friend of The Examiner and longtime staff members, always available to share her insight into local issues affecting the community she served for so long. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

This week, The Examiner remembers Essie Bellfield and would like to share some wisdom she imparted during an interview in February 2011, when she was featured during Black History Month.

Essie Amy Lagard-Bellfield was born in 1932 during the not-so-distant past when America was still under the Jim Crow laws that segregated most of the country solely on the basis of color, but she wouldn't let the "separate but equal" doctrine confine her to a life devoid of diversity.

Bellfield was the only child born to Ollie Byrd Keaton and Albert Leo Lagard, welcomed into the world on a very merry May day in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Before the year's end, however, the infant moved with her family to Jennings, Louisiana, where she would eventually graduate from high school and continue to live while she pursued a degree in elementary education from Southern University.

As a child, Bellfield recalls Christmases that consisted of gifts of fruit; other years held even less. Tears came to her eyes as she reminisced about years when only the kindness of others made any gift at all possible.

"That's the kind of love people can have," she managed to say through muffled sobs. "That's the kind of love people — black people, white people, human beings — have for each other. It's a beautiful thing."

During her teenage years, Bellfield was introduced to her future adopted home of Orange when her mother took a position working in the home of a prestigious landowner in the city.

"My mother lived on the premises, so it was really nice there. The people there treated us just like we were anybody else. We played with their children, even though we were different colors. It was really a good time, and they were really good people," Bellfield said, adding that although those were some of her happiest memories, those days weren't without struggle. "In order for me to go to Southern, I couldn't stay in Orange with my mother as a girl."



If she would have graduated from a Texas school, she explained, her family would have had to pay out-of-state tuition for the university of her choice. Since gathering the extra money for college tuition wasn't an option, Bellfield was forced to live from one home to the next while in school.

"I stayed with four different ladies in four different homes. It was like I had five mothers," she said.



Before graduating from Southern, Bellfield did move to Texas, but instead of familiar Orange, she set her sights on Galveston, where she found employment at UTMB. Aside from serving as the launching pad for her career, the Texas island also provided Bellfield a perfect backdrop for rearing her two daughters, Magna Carta (Barnett) and Colletta (Dary).

"I only made $46 a month back then, but my girls went to private school," Bellfield said with pride.

According to her, the girls were more sheltered from racism in the Christian environment, and she still believes the education and experience was worth the money it cost to afford her daughters that privilege.

A loving mother, Bellfield would often be found with her children at her side as she went about her daily routine. One day, as she walked through a city park in Galveston, she got tired and sat down. Little did she know that simple action would result in her staging a one-woman sit-in at the park after being told "her kind" wasn't welcome there.

"I had one baby in the stroller and another tugging on my dress, and all I wanted to do was sit at the park bench and let them play," Bellfield said. "I sat down, but before too long this man came and told me, 'You ain't got no business here. We don't want no (n-words) here.'"

Flabbergasted, but determined not to be uprooted from a park her taxes helped support, Bellfield instantly became an activist.

"I asked him what the word 'municipal' meant, and all I needed was for him to say it belonged to the city," she shared. "When he did, I told him, 'I'm part of the city and I'm gonna sit here.'"

And sit there, she did. Day in and day out, Bellfield walked her babies to the park every evening until eventually she wasn't the only person of color frequenting the public space.

"I just wasn't going to be chased out of there," she said of the move that integrated the city's park. "It, to me, was my first brush with politics."

It wouldn't be her last. While still living in Galveston, Bellfield headed a campaign to elect Aaron Swartz for state representative, but a job offer in Houston put politics on hold.

Then, as the economy took a downturn, Bellfield's Houston job was phased out, which left her with her "back against the wall." Her response was to return to Southern University to continue working toward graduation; however, just six months shy of earning a degree in elementary education, Bellfield was again called to Texas.

"A friend told me about a job in Orange, and I was looking for a two-week job during the break from classes that year," Bellfield grinned. "I never did make it back to Southern."

Bellfield grew sentimental as she

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Bellfield and fellow Orange officials circa her days on the dais

ESSIE

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relived the 1960 interview she shared with "the most wonderful person," Bess Schofield, wearing her favorite lavender dress. She was hired on the spot and embarked on a career in housekeeping management at Orange Baptist Hospital that would last more than 30 years. She retired from the hospital after being awarded commendations for pioneering that field as the first Black person to belong to the National Housekeeper Association and being appointed by then-Governor Mark White to the Home Health Care Advisory Board.

Bellfield also garnered the affection of Governor Ann Richards and attended the late state leader's memorial. She went from the state level to federal involvement when she later participated in the Freedom March alongside Southeast Texas comrades Sinclair Oubre, Raymond Scott, Velma Jeter, Amos Evans and others. Bellfield served as a charter member of Orange Community Action and Project Care, also serving the community as a member of the local chapter of the NAACP, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Council of Negro Women, Top Ladies of Distinction, Heroines of Jericho and the Salem United Methodist Church.

With a passion for politics, Bellfield became the first Black female on the Orange City Council in 1990s. Soon after, she was elected the first female mayor and the first Black mayor in the city's history.

She served in city government through May of 2000, and she even won a bid for Justice of the Peace for a potential precinct to be added in Orange County, although the precinct was never established.

"In my lifetime, I've accomplished everything I wanted to do," she said, besides visiting the Kremlin in Moscow. "Life has been wonderful to me."

Over the years, Bellfield stayed active in community organizations and behind the scenes in political arenas. She also has added world traveler to her resume, too, playing Santa to residents of nursing homes and orphanages in China, Japan, France and England. Adding to her string of titles, Bellfield was also an actor ("Raisins in the Sun" and "Miracle Worker" for Orange Community Players); a stage director (Orange Community Players); and a PTA fundraiser extraordinaire.

One cause near and dear to Bellfield's heart has been voting and voter registration, something she made a priority in her later years, arguing that the community has no voice without a vote.

"I'm going out to all the churches to get folks to fill out voter registration cards and memberships to the NAACP," she said in 2011. "I don't care if they vote wrong; they just need to get out and vote. I always keep voter registration cards on me, and if anyone wants one, I got it. Always."

Bellfield held more than 150 awards and medals, including the key to the city of her hometown in Jennings, and there aren't enough walls to display all her memories.



Ivory

"I love all people. It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside," she said. "But, as you know, some people do care about that sort of thing."

Bellfield died Jan. 23, 2022. Though gone from this world, she remains in the hearts and minds of those she left behind. Her accomplishments have paved the way for others who have and will follow her, and her influence continues to impact youth and encourage achievement.

Lamar University student Paul Ivory appeared in an article featured by the campus in honor of Black History Month. During the interview, he was asked, "What Black historical figure is most inspiring to you and why?" What was his answer?

According to Ivory, "The historical figure I find most inspiring is the former Mayor of Orange, Texas: Miss Essie Bellfield. Not only was Essie Bellfield the first Black mayor, she was the first woman elected mayor of my hometown from 1997-2000 and also served on the City Council. She was an avid civil rights leader and a true trailblazer in my community who changed the landscape of Orange forever. Oftentimes, her story of perseverance and groundbreaking achievements aren't heard by the masses. Yet, her accomplishments against all odds inspire me to lead by example and to not be afraid to make change."

Bellfield was laid to rest Feb. 5 at Hollywood Cemetery in Orange.

– Jennifer Johnson and Sharon Brooks

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The new Charleys Cheesesteaks location is 6475 Phelan Blvd. in Beaumont at the Westmont Shopping Center.

After months of anticipation and a building "makeover," Charleys Cheesesteaks on Phelan Boulevard in Beaumont is open for business, serving its famous cheesesteaks and wings to a constant influx of customers lining up to try the franchise's legendary fare.

Charleys Cheesesteaks touts its sandwiches as the No. 1 cheesesteaks in the world, with beef and chicken options also on the menu. Available sandwiches include the particularly popular Philly Cheesesteak, Pepperoni Cheesesteak, Jalapeno Cheesesteak and the Old School Steak, a classic cheesesteak-plus extra USDA Choice steak, sauteed onions and Cheez Whiz.

Not in the "moo-d" for steak? Then try one of Charleys chicken sandwiches, including a Philly Chicken, Buffalo Chicken, Chicken Teriyaki or a Chicken California with provolone and ranch dressing.

The menu also features boneless and bone-in wings with numerous sauce and rub selections, including spicy buffalo, bold barbecue, sweet teriyaki, Thai chili sauce, mango habanero, Cajun rub, lemon pepper and more.

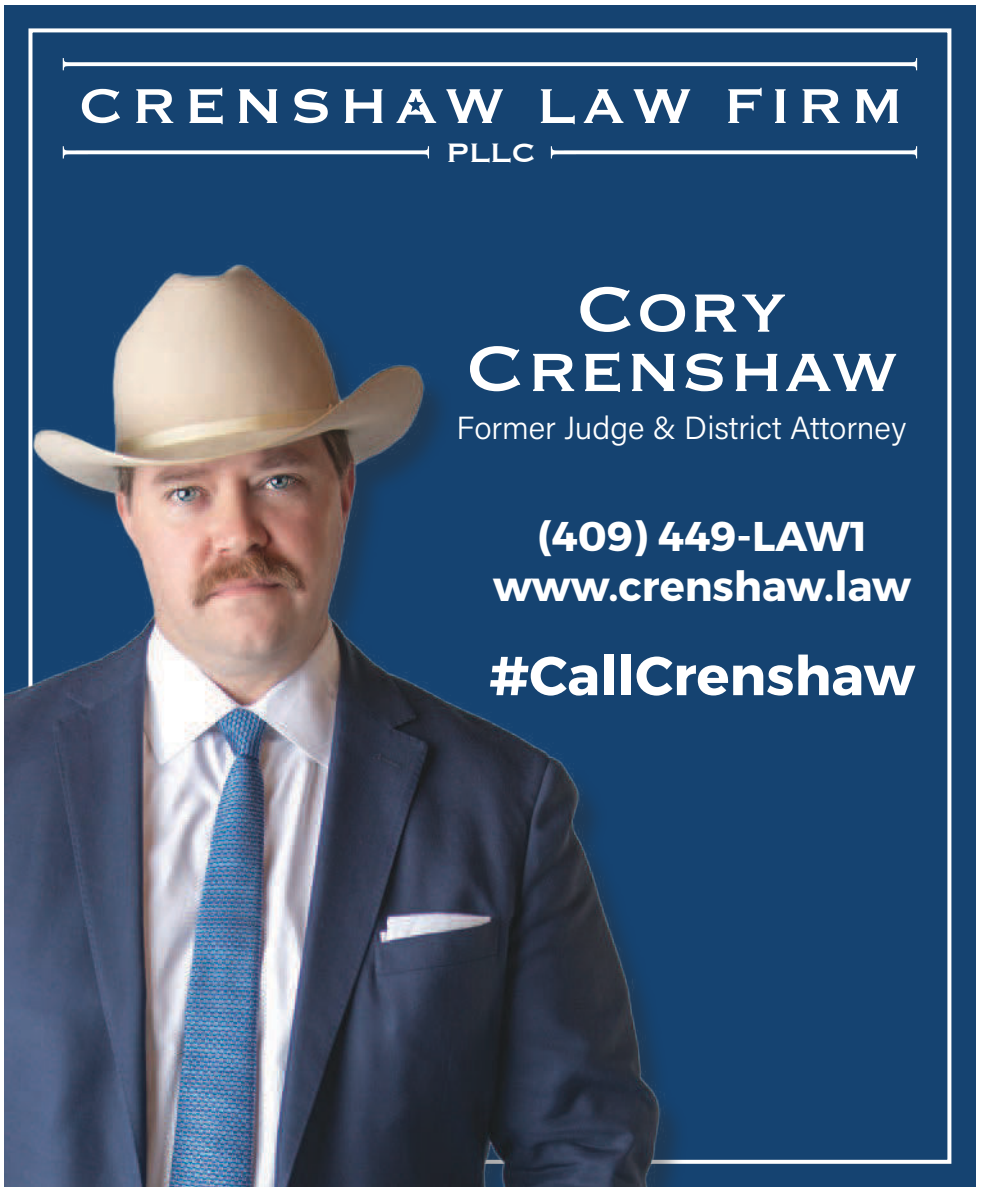
Charleys serves regular or gourmet fries, like cheese fries covered in cheese sauce, fries smothered in cheese and bacon, or cheese, bacon and ranch. They even have a new option: Old School Fries, which are made like the sandwich of the same name – with USDA choice steak, sliced sautéed onions and Cheez Whiz Sauce, all served on bed of crispy original fries.

How about something to wash that down? Customers can choose from standard fountain drinks, Charleys sweet or unsweet tea or Charleys fresh lemonade made with real cane sugar.

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– Sharon Brooks





Belated berm bolstering begins

B. Scott McLendon
Staff Writer

Jefferson County residents, both human and animal, are set to be the beneficiaries of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) project aimed at bolstering the area's flood-prevention defense by restoring the dunes of McFaddin Beach.

After initially planning to start at the end of the 2021 hurricane season, officials weren't able to begin approximately $96.6 million of "beach nourishment" until December 2021, according to a report from NOAA.

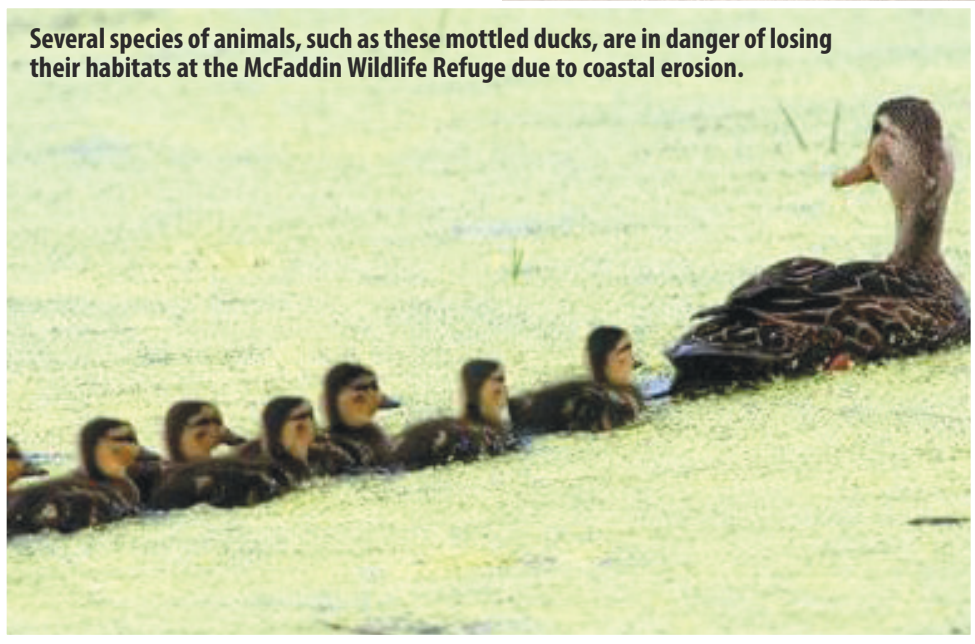
That "nourishment" includes dredging sand from the Gulf of Mexico seafloor and pumping it directly onto the beach to create sand "berms" – or raised barriers – to restore the beach's natural flood-mitigation system. The restoration project is modeled after a 2017 pilot project, which restored 2.9 miles of shoreline in the same area.

The project's aim is to restore and fortify approximately 17 miles of McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge's beach dune ridge, specifically the area from High Island to Sea Rim State Park. Officials say the project will add approximately 150 feet of sand beach on the seaside of the dune, with a design life of at least 50 years. The sediment will then be graded to make new beaches and dunes. Once that work is completed, the contractor will plant native plants in the restored dune system.

"In December 2021, construction began on the Texas Trustee Implementation Group's McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration Project, which includes restoring approximately 17 miles of eroded shoreline along the southern edge of McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge," read a February report released by the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council – a confluence of state and federal agencies aimed at researching and assessing the impact of the ecological disaster. "In order to continue making progress on the project, the Texas Trustees increased the budget originally approved in their 2017 Final Restoration Plan by approximately $2.5 million.

"The project will restore a beach and dune ridge barrier system that provides habitat for birds, and other beach and dune-dependent species. The new beach and dunes will also act as a restored barrier protecting interior wetlands and coastal habitats of the Salt Bayou watershed and the fish, invertebrates, and other life that use them. The interior Salt Bayou ecosystem has an array of different habitat types including: freshwater and saltwater marshes, coastal grassland prairies, submerged aquatic vegetation, tidal creeks and small bays."





Several species of animals, such as these mottled ducks, are in danger of losing their habitats at the McFaddin Wildlife Refuge due to coastal erosion.

Officials say this diverse array of habitats creates an extremely productive area for fish and wildlife. They also provide outdoor recreational opportunities and are the first line of defense for coastal communities from tropical storm events. The Salt Bayou ecosystem is the largest continuous estuarine marsh complex in Texas.

In the United States, coastal erosion is responsible for roughly $500 million per year in coastal property loss, including damage to structures and loss of land, according to research conducted by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. To mitigate coastal erosion, the federal government spends an average of $150 million every year on beach nourishment and other shoreline erosion control measures. According to data from the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, the current rate of erosion averages between 15 and 45 feet of marsh habitat lost every year, and the bolstering of the area's dune system will reduce that rate.

"The Chenier Plain is one of the most globally significant ecoregions that we have, really in all the western hemisphere," wrote Carter Smith, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "This is one of the most important areas for wintering waterfowl, and wading birds and shorebirds in all of North America, particularly important as a larval or nursery area for finfish and shellfish. And of course the marshes and dunes play a critically important role in the resilience of these communities as the first line of defense against storm surges.

"Over decades the Chenier Plain has literally been nibbled to death by a thousand paper cuts. There are a myriad of challenges that are confronting this landscape... Within this six and a half-million acre landscape is some of the most valuable petrochemical infrastructure that we have in all of the United States. There's no doubt that the stakes are high and certainly complacency is not an option."



Construction began December 2021 to restore McFaddin Beach's dune system.

Good News

Mardi Gras free family fun

The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) presents its winter Free Family Arts Day on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Art activities are inspired by Valentine's Day, President's Day and Mardi Gras, as well as AMSET's current exhibition, Francesca Fuchs: Seriously and Slightly Funny Things.

Children can decorate Mardi Gras necklaces, make Valentine's Day cards and President's Beards, paint rocks, and creatively customize their own mug. Complimentary cookies and punch will be provided. A concession stand serving ballpark-style food will be available. This event will be held outside in the museum parking lot, weather permitting. Follow the museum on social media for up-to-date information in the case of inclement weather.

All activities are free, and all art materials are provided. For more information, visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

Regents' Award honorees to meet at LU

Texas Regents' Teacher Award winners for 2021 will be formally recognized at the board's Feb. 17-18 meeting at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Board of Regents of the Texas State University System will recognize recipients of the Regents' Professor, Staff and Student Scholar awards for 2021. Regents' award winners for 2021 include the Regents' Student Scholar awardees, Lamar University accounting/finance major Taliah Belcher, Texas State University communication studies major Lauren Green, Sam Houston State University environmental science major Carolyn Jess, and Sul Ross State University English major Gabriela Olivas. The distinction honors students that demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership ability and contributions to the institution and community.

VHS honors star students

Vidor Rotary Club Students of the Month were chosen from the Social Studies Department at Vidor High School for the recent honoree selection. Honorees include 12th-grader Mara Davis, 11th-grader Austin Taylor, 10th-grader Cheyenne Jones, and freshman Reese Moree.

Each student of the month was treated to lunch at Mission Grounds Koffeehouse and recognized with a certificate, as well as books placed on the Vidor Rotary green bus in their honor. The students are pictured with Vidor Rotary Club President John Nickum and President Elect Angela Bryant (left) and (center), 9th grade Assistant Principal Bryan Brassard, and (right) VISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jay Killgo, a Vidor Rotarian.

Matinee Macbeth

Macbeth, one of Shakespeare's most influential contributions to world literature will take the stage at Lutcher Theater For The Performing Arts on Thursday, Feb. 17, with a two-hour performance beginning at 10 a.m. Individual tickets are just $15 each and can be purchased by calling the Lutcher Box office at (409) 886-5535. Group reservations are also available.

Heralded as one of Shakespeare's most exciting plays, The Tragedy of Macbeth is a thrilling tale of ruthless ambition, deadly deceptions, intense paranoia and, ultimately, insanity.

"Macbeth is presented as part of the Lutcher Incredible Kids Events series, especially for high school and college audiences to experience the performing arts world, and discover a lifelong love of theater," Lutcher Managing Director Lynae Sanford said. The performance is being brought to the stage by the critically acclaimed Aquila Theatre (NYC) under the Artistic Directorship of Desiree Sanchez, a group that has been awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Councils for the Arts and Humanities, and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. Aquila has performed at the White House under the Bush and Obama administrations, has performed for the U.S Supreme Court and the National Council on the Arts, and was also recently invited by Lin-Manuel Miranda to perform at the U.S. Capitol in support of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Lutcher Incredible Kids Events series is sponsored locally by INVISTA, Gopher Industrial Inc., and the Lutcher Theater Service Guild. Enhanced health and safety measures have been taken for guests and patrons, volunteers, performing arts companies and staff. For a complete list of COVID-19 precautions and more information about Lutcher Theater or upcoming events, visit lutcher.org.


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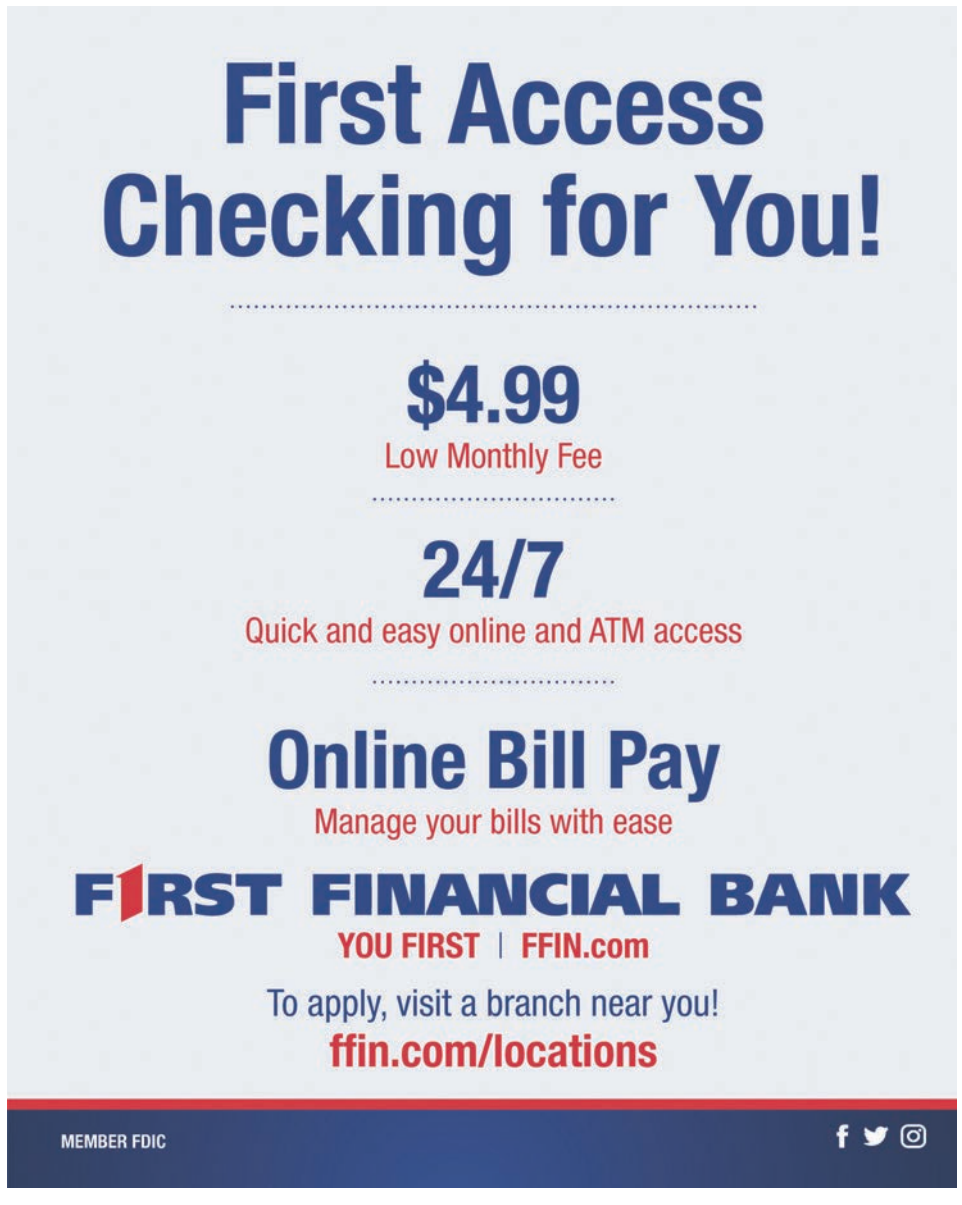
New leader at Kelly

Bishop David Toups announced Feb. 3 that Dr. Tyrus Doctor will be joining the staff of Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School in Beaumont as principal beginning Feb. 21. Doctor is currently serving as assistant principal of Beaumont United High School, and has 22 years of experience in public education in school districts including Beaumont, Port Arthur and Sheldon ISDs.

Doctor holds degrees from Prairie View A&M, the University of North Texas and Navarro Junior College, and received his Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from Prairie View A&M in 2013.

"He is a perfect fit for principal and will lead Kelly into the future with joy, zeal and excellence," Toups said of the appointment, while the diocese expressed gratitude to outgoing interim principal Laurence Williams.


Vidor Rotary



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Back in business

The Southeast Texas COVID-19 infusion clinic is back open as of Tuesday, Feb. 8, according to Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick.

"We just got 144 doses of monoclonal antibody therapy and are re-opening immediately and rescheduling patients for infusions," Branick said just before lunch Tuesday. On Wednesday, Branick released word that another shipment arrived, as well, allowing for the center to remain open for the foreseeable future.

The Southeast Texas Regional Infusion Center has been previously shuttered due to inability to acquire the infusion drug. According to Branick and Emergency Management Coordinator Mike White, the drug has been in scarce supply for weeks.

Nederland donates fire truck to LIT's Fire Academy

The Nederland Fire Department donated an Aerial 11 ladder truck to Lamar Institute of Technology's Fire Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Homer Nagel Safety Complex in Nederland.

The fire truck will be used for training purposes, according to LIT's Public Service & Safety Chair Nicole Mitchell. Currently the department has two trucks.

"With rapid enrollment growth at the Fire Academy, the addition of this third truck will help us provide even more cadets with the vital hands-on training needed for them to succeed in the real world," Mitchell said. "We are extremely grateful for this donation from the city of Nederland."

LIT's Fire Academy recently reached a milestone in training its 100th class of firefighters this semester.

Logo change

Feb. 7, Entergy revealed a new corporate brand and refreshed logo. The introduction of the new brand, the company released, "reflects our aspiration to become the premier electric utility and deliver a cleaner, brighter and more sustainable future for everyone."

"At Entergy, we've had the privilege of providing safe, affordable and reliable energy that has powered millions of lives for more than a century," said Leo Denault, Entergy's chairman and chief executive officer. "But we're not resting there. We are proactively transforming our company to meet new opportunities. We're evolving to ensure Entergy becomes a driving force for innovation and cutting-edge products and services. And we are accelerating our efforts to reduce carbon emissions, while partnering with our customers to support their own environmental goals, leading to a cleaner and better future for all our stakeholders."

The updated appearance of Entergy's logo, which hasn't been changed in more than 30 years, "honors Entergy's treasured history while setting new ambitions for the future," according to the company.

Curriculum needed for CDL certification

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding applicants seeking special endorsements like school bus driver's licenses and commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) that Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements began Feb. 7. Recent inclement weather has closed some driver's license offices; however, the federal requirement has not been delayed as a result of these closures.



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) oversees the ELDT regulations, which are designed to improve highway safety by ensuring entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles complete minimum federal training requirements before being permitted to take certain CDL tests.

Anyone applying for a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time, upgrading an existing CDL to a Class A or B, or obtaining a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time must meet ELDT requirements. Verification that an applicant completed ELDT is required before taking a

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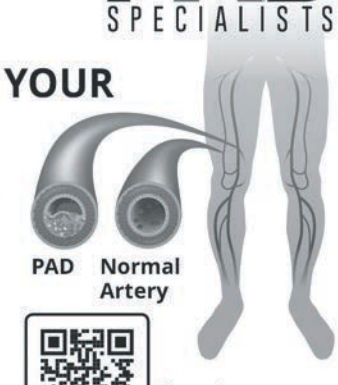
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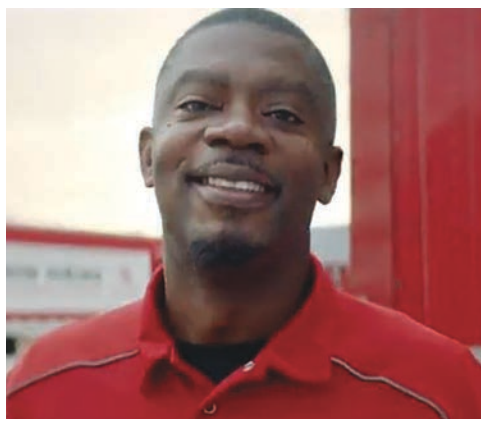
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For more information about how the federal program works, how to become a certified Training Registry Provider and what schools are registered to provide ELDT training, visit the TPR website at https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/.

Beaumonter on screen for Super Bowl



He's not playing in the big game, but a Beaumont man will be featured during the Super Bowl when Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages debuts their first-ever hiring ad in Texas and Oklahoma.

The Dallas-based Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages, locally bottled in Beaumont and other Texas locations, is looking for a few good men and women to fill positions in its company. They hope future employees will be watching America's most watched football game on Sunday, Feb. 13, getting a behind-the-scenes look at the company's people and culture.

"Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages is a great place to work for experienced applicants and those starting a career," said Human Resources VP Silvia Martins. "We have jobs to fill and we're ready to recruit more people to join the incredible team we have built."

The ad launches an ongoing campaign that includes billboard, radio and social media support to drive applicants to www.opportunityfizzes.com, offering a wide range of full-and part-time jobs.

Free tax preparation program underway in Beaumont

It's tax time again, and Lamar University, Entergy Texas, the IRS and Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas have collaborated to offer free income tax preparation to community members who earn less than $57,000 annually, helping area residents minimize payments and maximize refunds.

Jon Korejwa, a certified tax professional and Director of Training and Operations for Lamar University's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, and Entergy Texas welcome Entergy customers and community members to participate in the free program, with qualified families receiving up to $6,700 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

"I invite anyone who needs tax help to come talk to one of our volunteers at one of our Beaumont locations," said Korejwa.

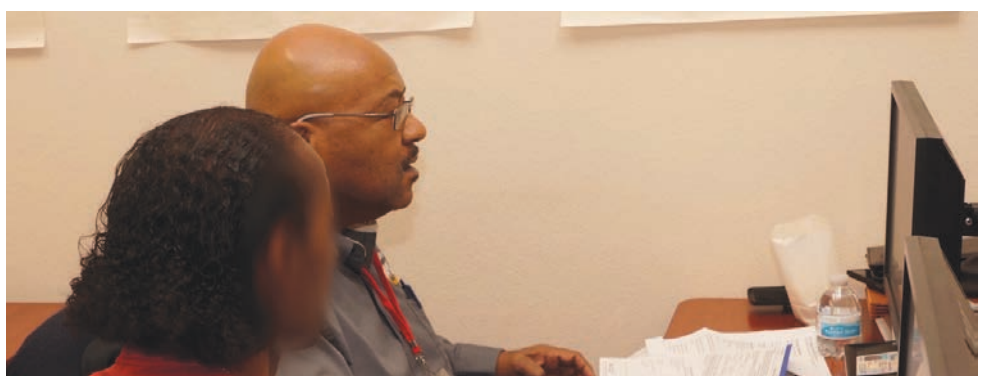
Lamar University began the program in 2008 after receiving a grant from the IRS. Elton Payne, now deceased, initiated the grant process and administered the program until 2014. Korejwa, who now directs training for the program, joined VITA in 2011 after hearing a plea for volunteers on KLVI. After receiving training and becoming a certified tax professional thanks to the program, he was asked by Lamar University to continue it in 2015 following Payne's death.

Last year, VITA completed 738 tax returns and refunded taxpayers $919,480. The program also captured EITC, child tax credits and education credits, among other credits for taxpayers.

Because the taxpayer pays no preparation fee, Korejwa estimates VITA saved taxpayers even more than that. He said taxpayers who participated in the program likely saved a whopping $1.4 million in total tax prep fees based on the average cost of a professionally prepared tax return, estimated at $200.

According to Entergy Texas, employees of the company have been volunteering for the free tax preparation for 12 years and will continue this year. Entergy Texas is also continuing its partnership with community advocates to support VITA services for qualifying customers. Funding for this effort is provided through shareholder contributions and does not impact customer bills.

Since 2011, Entergy Texas' support of VITA sites has helped return over $15 million to almost 12,000 residents in Southeast Texas. The federal government estimates EITC has lifted more than 5.6 million people out of poverty, including 3 million children; however, one out of five people who qualify for the EITC fail to claim it.



"The Earned Income Tax Credit is one of our country's most effective tools for lifting low-income workers and their families above the poverty line," said Stuart Barrett, vice president of customer service. "Our goal is to increase the amount of federal money returned to our customers by raising awareness of the credit and supporting VITA sites to help qualified customers avoid high fees."

Free tax preparation services are provided at VITA sites throughout the 2022 tax season. At local VITA sites, IRS-certified volunteers from Entergy Texas and community partners will be available to help residents who earn $57,000 or less determine if they qualify to receive the tax benefits. These trained volunteers assist individuals with tax preparation, offering guidance on topics like earned income credit. VITA also prepares taxes for non-resident alien taxes (1040-NR) for international students at Lamar University. In some VITA locations, local community partners are offering appointments for tax preparation services, drop-off tax prep services, financial coaching, budget workshops, free legal services and more.

VITA volunteers will be available during the indicated hours at the following sites:

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 5 and ending April 9 at the Gloria Rameriz Neighborhood Resource Center, 2850 Gulf Street (the old fairgrounds) in Beaumont, phone: (409) 347-7891;

Mondays form 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 7 and ending April 11 at Catholic Charities, 2780 Eastex Freeway in Beaumont, phone: (409) 924-4400;

Every other Saturday beginning Feb. 5 and by appointment at the Jackson Community Center, 520 W. Decatur Ave. in Orange, phone (409) 779-1981;

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 9 until April 3 at the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 3730 FM 160 North in Raywood, phone (936) 587-4246.

VITA site locations are also available at entergy.com/freetaxhelp. Residents may sign up to have their taxes prepared at getyourrefund.org/BakerRipley. Information from getyourrefund.org will be used to match a tax filer with a nearby VITA provider.

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Crime News



Seven indicted in SETX for transnational drug trafficking

A federal grand jury in Beaumont returned an indictment charging seven individuals with various federal violations related to a complex international drug trafficking conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston announced Feb. 3.

Named in the indictment are Alberto Garcia Bonilla, 52, Yimminson Caicedo Diaz, 27, Edwin Jose Pereira Arroyo, 26, Jaime Vivanco Cuellar, 39, Carlos Vicente Guagua Vasquez, 20, John Jairo Morales Parraga, 23, and Jonny Javier Cuero Sinisterra, 43, all of Colombia and Ecuador. The defendants were charged with "conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine while on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States." The indictment asserts approximately $60 million in alleged criminal activity since 2021. The defendants' criminal activity was halted, the indictment details, the day after Dec. 27, 2021, when two vessels containing a combined 4,186 kilograms (more than 9,200 pounds) of cocaine were detained by the El Salvadoran Navy that was tipped off as to the drug shipment by the Colombian National Police.

If convicted, the defendants face a minimum of 10 years and up to life in federal prison, a fine of up to $10 million, and forfeiture of $60,152,300 in U.S. currency.

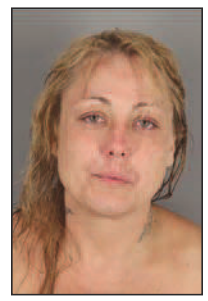
Man caught with 100 grams of meth

Tywayne Marquis Parker, 26, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime before U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone, U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston announced Feb. 8.

According to information presented in court, on June 21, 2021, Parker was stopped in Beaumont for a traffic violation. A search of the vehicle revealed a firearm on the driver's floorboard and approximately 100 grams of pills containing methamphetamine. Officers also found a large amount of cash in varying denominations and other evidence of drug trafficking.

Parker was indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 6, 2021. He faces up to life in federal prison.

Burglar sentenced for weapons charge



LeBlanc

A woman caught in the act of burglarizing a Beaumont home has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.

Amber Dawn LeBlanc, 39, pleaded guilty on October 5, 2021, to possession of a stolen firearm and was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison on Feb. 8 by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, on May 18, 2020, law enforcement officers responded to a residential burglary in process in Beaumont. LeBlanc was in the residence when the homeowners came home, but fled before police arrived. The homeowners were able to describe LeBlanc to the officers and she was located underneath a house in the neighborhood. The homeowners found a bag left behind by LeBlanc in the residence, which included a firearm. The firearm had been reported stolen by an acquaintance of LeBlanc.

Further investigation revealed LeBlanc has six prior felonies and is prohibited by federal law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

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Crime News

Beaumonter pleads to federal firearms, drug charges

A Beaumont man was sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking and firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas, U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston announced Feb. 8.

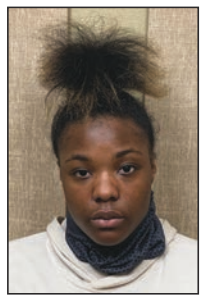
Avery L. Mims, 36, pleaded guilty on August 2, 2021, to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Mims was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison Feb. 8 by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, on March 19, 2020, during a search of a vehicle Mims was driving, law enforcement officers located 14 grams of methamphetamine, 7 grams of cocaine, Xanax tablets, marijuana, and ecstasy tablets. Officers also discovered items indicative of drug trafficking, such as digital scales and approximately $1,000 in various small denominations. Officers also located a firearm in close proximity to the drugs.

After the March encounter, a federal indictment and arrest warrant was issued for Mims. When the arrest warrant was executed, Mims was found in possession of a backpack containing approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine, crack cocaine, various tablets and a firearm.

Mims was indicted by a federal grand jury on Feb. 3, 2021, and charged with federal drug trafficking and firearms violations.

Two behind bars for Beaumont Heights homicide



Cole

Beaumont Police Department (BPD) investigators arrested a second suspect allegedly involved in a Jan. 30 murder at the Beaumont Heights apartment complex.

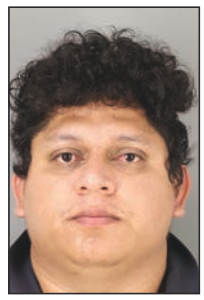
After initially speaking with investigators Feb. 2, 24-year-old Beaumonter Mychelle Cole was arrested for murder and taken to the Jefferson County Correctional Facility, where she remained on a $1 million bond as of press time.

BPD investigators are reportedly still working on the case and advise that more arrests are pending. According to the original report, minutes before midnight Sunday, Jan. 30, officers responded to a fatal shooting at an apartment complex on the corner of Dowlen Road and Phelan Boulevard.

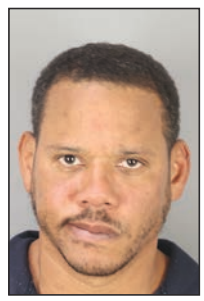
According to a BPD news release, EMS pronounced the victim, identified as 31-year-old Beaumonter Isaiah Brandon Wagner, dead at the scene.

BPD locks up storage unit burglars

At about 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at 9 p.m., Beaumont Police Department (BPD) officers responded to Public Storage, located at 6160 Delaware, in reference to a burglary in progress.



Garcia-Rodrigue



Mouton

According to a news release, officers arrived and detained two suspects, identified as Beaumont residents 46-year-old Danny Mouton and 27-year-old Dilan Garcia-Rodrigue. Detectives believe the men committed numerous additional burglaries of storage units in the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas in the last few months. They were placed under arrest for burglary of a building and stored at the Jefferson County Jail.

The investigation into the series of storage unit burglaries is on-going and additional charges and arrests are expected, according to BPD.

Alleged cocaine cook caught

At about 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, the Beaumont Police Department (BPD) Narcotics Unit, along with a contingency of other law-enforcement agencies that included SWAT personnel, executed a narcotics search warrant at 814 Concord Rd.



Fontenot

The Beaumont SWAT team secured the residence and located Tomeka Rechael Fontenot, a 43-year-old Beaumont woman, inside the residence. Once the scene was secure, detectives located suspected crack cocaine, paraphernalia used to manufacture and sell crack cocaine, suspected Ecstasy, a 9 mm handgun and over $5,000.

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TAXES: THESE BASICS ARE FOR EVERYONE

Understanding how our tax system works can be tricky for anyone. Whether you're an adult who never paid much attention to the taxes being withheld from your paycheck or a kid who just got his or her first job, understanding the basics can help refine and define questions you may have.

Many schools don't teach these tax lessons. This results in many people entering life with a pretty incomplete picture of how taxes work, unless someone else takes the time to explain these tax concepts. Here are some pointers to help you or someone you know navigate our tax maze.

Taxes are mandatory!

While we can have a debate about how much each person should pay, there's no debating that local, state and federal governments need tax revenue to run the country. These funds are used to build roads, support education, help those who need financial assistance, pay interest on our national debt and defend the country.

There are many types of taxes

When you think of taxes, most think of the income tax, which is a tax on business and personal income you earn from performing a job. But there are also other types of taxes. Here are some of the most common.

- **Payroll taxes.** While income taxes can be used to pay for pretty much anything the government needs money for, payroll taxes are earmarked to pay for Social Security and Medicare benefits.
- **Property taxes.** These are taxes levied on property you own. The most common example of this is the property tax on a home or vacation property.
- **Sales tax.** These are taxes placed on goods and services you purchase. While most of this tax is applied at the state and local levels, there are also federal sales taxes on items like gasoline.
- **Capital gains taxes.** If you sell an investment or an asset for a profit, you may owe capital gains taxes. The most common example of this is when you sell stock for a gain. Capital gains taxes could also come into play with other assets, such as a rental property you sell for a profit.
- **Estate taxes.** This tax is applied to assets in your estate after you pass away.

Not all income is subject to tax

Most, but not all, of your income is subject to tax.

- While your paycheck is subject to tax, interest earned from certain municipal bonds is not. And the government often excludes things like benefits from the tax man.
- Capital gains taxes have exclusions for gains on the sale of your home and donated stock.
- Estate taxes have an exclusion, so only estates in excess of the exclusion are taxed.

This is why having someone in the know can be really helpful in navigating these rules.

The progressive nature of income tax

When it comes to income taxes, the government gets to take the first bite. The question is how BIG of a bite the government gets to take.

For example, if you only have one chocolate chip cookie, the government's bite is really, really small. If you have 1,000 chocolate chip cookies, the government takes a small bite from the first 100 cookies, a larger bite from the next 100 cookies, and an even larger bite from the remaining 800 cookies.

This is called a progressive tax rate system. For example, if you're considered single for tax purposes in 2021, the first $9,950 of taxable money you earn gets taxed at 10%. The next $30,575 you earn gets taxed at 12%. The next $45,850 gets taxed at 22%. Money you earn above this point will get taxed at either 24%, 32%, 35% or 37%.

Understanding the progressive nature of our tax system is a key concept in managing the size of the bite the government takes. That is why tax planning is so important!

Deductions can decrease the government's tax bite

The progressive tax system is complex because it is manipulated in a big way by our elected officials. This is typically done through credits, deductions and phaseouts of tax benefits.

For example, there is a fairly complex deduction for families with children, and the earned income tax credit is an added tax cut for those in the lower end of the progressive income tax base. There are also credits and deductions for businesses, homeowners, education and many more types of taxpayers.

As you can imagine, the U.S. tax system is very complex with many nuances. Please seek help if you have further questions or are facing a complicated taxable transaction.



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Tate Sandell of PN-G will play football at UTSA.



West Brook football players Andre Dennis (Lamar), Mykel Janice (Wyoming), Chuck Langston (head coach), Jayden Davis (McNeese), Khristian Pugh (Lamar), Rashawn Raven (Blinn College), Jamichael Foxall (Lamar) and Kenneth Durousseau (Blinn College)



Charlie Wooten of Kelly will play college baseball at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.



West Brook's Lili Ross will play soccer at Abilene Christian.



Jordan Smith of Vidor will play football at Hardin Simmons.



Nederland's Morgan McBride will play soccer at Lamar University.

Maids and nannies and Social Security

Sometimes I think my wife and I are the last middle-class couple in the country who haven't hired a maid to clean the house. I know we are the last couple in our neighborhood who are "maidless." Every week, up and down our block, I see maids pulling up to houses, getting out their vacuums and buckets and other cleaning gear, and spending a couple hours or so making our neighbors' houses gleam. Meanwhile, my wife and I run our fingers across dusty tabletops and windowsills and wonder if we should be doing the same.

Actually, this past Christmas, I seriously considered hiring a maid service as a gift for my wife. Although, in truth, it would have been a gift to myself, because I'm the one who straps on the apron once every week or two and dusts and gets down on my hands and knees to scrub the kitchen and bathroom floors. My wife does the vacuuming and cleans the sinks and toilets.

Anyway, I finally decided that even though we are in our mid-70s, we could continue with these biweekly household chores. Besides, some of the maids I see in our neighborhood don't look like they need the money. A couple of them drive much nicer cars than we have!

But all that got me to thinking about a column I wrote a long time ago about hiring maids and nannies and other household help and how it relates to Social Security. I found it, "dusted it off," (get the pun?) and am presenting it here again today.

Q: We are going to hire a nanny to help care for our two small children. We have heard different opinions about whether we will have to deduct Social Security taxes from the wages we will be paying this person. Can you please clarify this?

A: I'm a retired Social Security guy. I know all about the output side of the program (Social Security benefits), but not much about the input side of the ledger (Social Security taxes). This is actually a question for the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS is responsible for all tax matters, including the payment of Social Security taxes. But I know enough about the issue to get you thinking in the right direction.



Whether or not you have to deduct Social Security taxes from your nanny's pay depends on several circumstances. Some nannies are self-employed. In other words, they run a business that supplies nanny services. If that is your case, then it's the nanny's responsibility to pay self-employment Social Security taxes out of the money you give her.

But if you have simply hired a woman to serve as your nanny, then you may have some tax obligations. If you will pay her at least $2,100 per year, then you must deduct Social Security and Medicare taxes from her pay. And you must report those tax payments to the federal government. To learn how to do that, you should read an IRS publication called "Household Employers Tax Guide." You can find it at their website. Here is a link: irs.gov/publications/p926/index.html.

Q: We have hired some maids to clean our house. They show up once a week and spend about three or four hours vacuuming, dusting, etc. We don't have to withhold taxes from the money we pay them, do we?

A: Probably not – if by "hired some maids" you mean you've contracted with one of the many companies that supply maids to households. If so, you are probably paying the company a fee, and then that company, in turn, pays a wage to their employees and deducts taxes from their paychecks.

But if you did simply hire some person "off the street" to come in and clean your home, and assuming that person does not run a housecleaning business, i.e., is self-employed, then you must follow the IRS rules outlined in my answer to the first question.

Q: We have hired a nanny and I know we are supposed to deduct taxes from her paycheck. But she has pleaded with us not to do that. She said she would prefer having us just give her that money rather than send it to the government. So far, we've abided by her wishes. But I'm wondering if we could get in trouble for this.

A: If you were asking this question of someone at the IRS, I'm sure they would tell you: "Yes, you are breaking the law!" But since you asked me, a retired old goat who happens to write a column about Social Security issues, I'd say: "Well, you're certainly not alone."

As I said at the start of this column, my wife and I have never hired any household help of any kind, so I have no direct experience in these matters. But we lived for many years in an exclusive suburb of San Diego, California. (We were the poorest people in a neighborhood of fat cats and yuppies – think "The Beverly Hillbillies"!)

Anyway, we were surrounded by folks who hired nannies, maids, yard workers and other people to do for them what my wife and I have always done for ourselves. And I learned from talking to my neighbors and others in the community that almost none of them paid Social Security or other taxes for their hired help. And I never saw any of those folks hauled off to jail.

Now, if you were planning to run for political office someday, then I'd suggest you immediately get that IRS pamphlet mentioned in the first answer and start doing the right thing and paying those taxes. Every once in a while, you hear a "nannygate" story about a Supreme Court justice nominee or some other high-powered political aspirant who loses his or her chance at an influential position because he or she failed to pay taxes for a nanny or other hired help.

And here is one final message directed at your nanny. Just tell her that you heard from an old Social Security guy who interviewed hundreds of retiring nannies, maids and other household workers during his career, most of whom rued their shortsighted decision to forgo the payment of Social Security taxes and were stuck facing their senior years with minimal or even no Social Security or Medicare coverage. It's something she should seriously think about.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has a book with all the answers. It's called "Social Security: Simple and Smart." Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Ratliff
May 17, 1939 - February 4, 2022



Helen J. Ratliff, 82, of Silsbee, died Friday, February 4, 2022. She was born on May 17, 1939, in Waynesville, North Carolina, to Hannah Moore Robinson and Wayne E. Robinson.

She graduated from Silsbee High School in 1957, The University of Texas in 1961, and attended Lamar University throughout her career as an educator. Helen was a teacher, like her mother, a counselor, and an educational diagnostician. She spent over twenty years in education and continued her career teaching the GED program for Beaumont Independent School District.

Helen was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She had a passion for teaching, classical music, tennis, and swimming, and often shared that passion with friends, family, and community. It was not uncommon for her to take the neighborhood children and friends' children to swim team practice or tennis practice. She had a giving heart and was always willing to help others. When her grandchildren were young you could always find them doing projects of every kind and she always had a bag of treasures, called her purse, with just about anything that would be needed for a project or emergency.

Helen and her late husband, Roger, shared a passion for dancing and would find every opportunity to jitterbug. They both also shared a passion for traveling. They would pack the camper and head out on an adventure. One of their favorite places to visit was Big Bend National Park and, of course, wherever their children or grandchildren were living at the time.

Mother was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church in Silsbee. She loved the women of the Victery Class and spoke highly of each and every one in her Sunday School class.

Mother found solace in music, and it was classical music that could calm her spirit. Music brought her so much peace. "…Undoubtedly I should have gone mad but for music. Music is indeed the most beautiful of all Heaven's gifts to humanity wandering in the darkness. Alone it calms, enlightens, and stills our souls. It is not the straw to which the drowning man clings; but a true friend, refuge, and comforter, for whose sake life is worth living." – Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Survivors include her daughters, Rennie Fontaine and her husband, Jason, of Silsbee and Becky Rounds and her husband, Jason, of Texarkana; grandchildren, Greg Lundvick of Colorado, Will Fontaine of Silsbee and Cate Rounds and Janie Rounds, both of Texarkana; and sister Margaret Read from Katy, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Helen's graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Hardin Memorial Park, Silsbee, under the direction of Broussard's, 490 Cemetery Road, Silsbee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Silsbee Public Library 295 North 4th Street, Silsbee, Texas 77656 or Silsbee Band Boosters, 419 Cemetery Road, Silsbee, Texas 77656.

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Polly Parker
July 11, 1941 - February 5, 2022



Polly Parker, 80, of Beaumont, died Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Jefferson County Nursing and Rehabilitation, Beaumont. She was born July 11, 1941, to Bernice Irene Hammons and Rommie E. Hammons.

Polly is survived by her husband, Wayne Parker of Beaumont; daughter, Tammy Pearson and her husband, Gray, of Port Allen, Louisiana; son, Wayne Parker of Colmesneil; sister, Virginia Kowal of Hastings, Michigan; grandchildren, Dustin Spell of Beaumont; Parker Pearson and his wife, Faith, of Pineville, Louisiana; Chandler Russell and her husband, James, of Alexandria, Virginia; Kyler Pearson of Port Allen, Louisiana; Presley Parker of Plant City, Florida; Foster Pearson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; great-grandchildren, Zoe Spell of Plant City, Florida, Molly Kate Pearson of Pineville, Louisiana, and Max Pearson of Pineville, Louisiana; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A gathering of Mrs. Parker's family and friends will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. Her funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Broussard's, with her interment to follow at 2:00 p.m., at Midway Cemetery, Midway Cemetery Road, Livingston, Texas.

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DEATH NOTICES

Larry Gene Morrison, 73, of Vidor, died Mon., Feb. 7, 2022.

Robert Andrew Morgan (Bob), 79, of Willis, died Mon., Feb. 7, 2022.

Verlyn Lamar Peevy, 93, of Silsbee, died Mon., Feb. 7, 2022.

Terry Lee James, 62, of Orange, died Sun., February 6, 2022.

Sam Houston Stroud, 75, of Vidor, died Sun., Feb. 6, 2022.

James Barnett, 97, of Beaumont, died Mon., Feb. 7, 2022.

Harold "Tudlum" Core, 85, of Beaumont, died Sun., Feb. 6, 2022.

Thomas Lee Hanna, 83, of Beaumont, died Sun., Feb. 6, 2022.

Polly Parker, 80, of Beaumont, died Sat., Feb. 5, 2022.

Connie Gail Nelson, 61, of Orange, died Sat., February 5, 2022.

Helen J. Ratliff, 82, of Silsbee, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Elizabeth Ann Duhon Phelps, 82, of Winnie, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Rickey Wayne Tousha, Sr., 68, of Kountze, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Donald Meins Rao, 84, of Stowell, died Fri., Feb. 4th, 2022.

Patricia Ann Smith, 82, of Port Arthur, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Ted Erwin Jeter, 70, of Beaumont, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Grover C. Murphy, 76, of Nederland, died Fri., Feb. 4, 2022.

Mary Ann McLauchlin, 78, of Beaumont, died Feb. 3, 2022.

Johnal Bernard, 95, of Bridge City, died Thurs., Feb. 3, 2022.

Clifton McCreery, 74, of Beaumont, died Thurs., Feb. 3, 2022.

Raymond Lee Campbell, 78, of Bridge City, died Wed., February 2, 2022.

Marty Howard, 68, of Beaumont, died Wed., Feb. 2, 2022.

Tommy Truong, of Beaumont, died Wed., Feb. 2, 2022.

Deputy LaQuintin Jermaine Wilson, 39, of Beaumont, died Tues., Feb. 1, 2022.

Mr. Charles Gauthier, Sr., 69, of Beaumont died Mon., Jan, 31, 2022.

Roy Lee "Ham-Bone" Hamm, 74, of Beaumont, died Sun., Jan. 30, 2022.

Terry "Maw Maw" Cerami, 64, of Hamshire, died Sa., Jan. 29, 2022.

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The Address of Such Independent Executor is:

c/o Trent Devenzio
221 Highway 69 South
Suite 100
Nederland Texas 77627.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this the 1st day of February 2022.

Susan K. Tibbetts,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Leanna Marie Porter, Deceased

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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WILLIAM O. AVERY, III, appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of VIRGINIA S. THORNE AVERY, Deceased, Cause #126454 in Jefferson County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of said County on February 1st, 2022, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against the estate to present them to him, within the time prescribed by law,

c/o LAW OFFICE OF
LAIRON W. DOWDEN, JR.,
attorney for said estate, at
1217 Nederland
Avenue,
Nederland, Texas 77627.

WITNESS my hand this 2nd day of February 2022.

LAIRON W. DOWDEN, JR.
State Bar No.: 06072700
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of James M. Haines, Deceased, were issued on February 1, 2022, in Cause No. 126512, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: Sharon Haines.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **P. Dean Brinkley**
Attorney at Law
2090 Broadway Street
P.O. Box 3468
Beaumont, Texas 77704

DATED the 2nd day of February, 2022.

/s/ P. Dean Brinkley
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas Joseph Clubb, Deceased were issued on the 1st day of February, 2022, in Cause No. 126646, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, in Probate, to Justin Troy Clubb, as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to:

Brian A. Mills
Creighton, Fox, Johnson & Mills, PLLC
P.O. Box 5607
Beaumont, Texas 77726.

DATED this 1st day of February, 2022.

Justin Troy Clubb,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Thomas Joseph Clubb, Deceased

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARION LOGAN GWIN A/K/A ELIZABETH MARION GWIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of ELIZABETH MARION LOGAN GWIN A/K/A ELIZABETH MARION GWIN, Deceased, were issued on February 1, 2022, in Cause No. 126632, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas to HOWELL HOLMES GWIN, III.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

HOWELL HOLMES GWIN, III
Independent Executor,
Estate of Elizabeth Marion Logan Gwin a/k/a Elizabeth Marion Gwin, Deceased
c/o Harvey L. Warren, III
Attorney at Law
2555 North Street
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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st day of February, 2022.

Harvey L. Warren, III
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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NOTE: Required Belt Press Trials will be February 21 through February 25, 2022 and February 28 through March 4, 2022.

Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 125, prior to the above stated time.

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409) 880-3720 or you may **download the specifications from our website at:** https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0222-16**

Bid Closing Date: **March 10, 2022**

Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONALD SMITH, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration were issued in the Estate of DONALD SMITH, on January 31, 2022, in Cause No.126558, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to JENNIFER SMITH WILSON.

The address of such Letters of Independent Administration is:

c/o Allen Parker
1720 Nederland Avenue
Nederland, Texas 77627

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them with in the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

JENNIFER SMITH WILSON,
Independent Administratrix of the Estate of DONALD SMITH, Deceased

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BILLYE R. BRACK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary were issued in the Estate of BILLYE R. BRACK, on January 24, 2022, in Cause No.126476, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to MELTON LOUIS BRACK.

The address of such Letters Testamentary is:

c/o Allen Parker
1720 Nederland Avenue
Nederland, Texas 77627

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them with in the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

MELTON LOUIS BRACK,
Independent Executor of the Estate of BILLYE R. BRACK, Deceased

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, until **2:00 P.M. (CST), THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022** and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers on that date for:

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 125, prior to the above stated time.

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409) 880-3720 or you may **download the specifications from our website at:** https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0222-13**

Bid Closing Date: **March 3, 2022**

Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, until **2:00 P.M. (CST), THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022** and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers on that date for:

Contract for the Athletic Complex #4 Softball Field Light Pole Repair Project Located at 950 Langham Rd., Beaumont, Texas 77707

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (CST) on site at 950 Langham Rd., Beaumont, Texas 77707.

Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, prior to the above stated time.

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409) 880-3720 or you may **download the specifications from our website at:** https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at White Reprographics (409) 832-8451 or Triangle Blueprint (409) 835-6810 in Beaumont, Texas. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0122-12**

Bid Closing Date: **March 3, 2022**

Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, until **2:00 P.M. (CST), THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022** and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers on that date for:

SIX (6) MONTH CONTRACT FOR WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS - LIQUID CHLORINE

Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 125, prior to the above stated time.

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409)

880-3720 or you may **download the specifications from our website at:** https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0222-15**

Bid Closing Date: **March 3, 2022**

Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jeffery Lewis Hulon, Sr., Deceased, were issued on January 5, 2022, in Cause No. 126233 pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to Patricia Hulon.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to:

Patricia Hulon, Estate
c/o Melody Carrier
505 Orleans St. Suite 505
Beaumont, TX 77701

NO. 126692

ESTATE OF ESTERLINE GRAHAM, DECEASED
§
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ESTERLINE GRAHAM, Deceased, were issued on February 1st, 2022, in Docket No. 126692, pending in the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: CORBIT KEITH POSEY.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Jefferson County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o William H. Yoes
THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 7584
Beaumont, TX 77726-7584

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 2nd day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
1855 Calder Ave., Suite 200
P.O. Box 7584
Beaumont, Texas 77726
Telephone: (409) 833-2352
Facsimile: (409) 838-5577
Email: why@yoeslawfirm.com

By: */s/William H. Yoes*
William H. Yoes
State Bar No. 22157000

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT, CORBIT KEITH POSEY,

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE JOHN MICHAEL BREAUX A/K/A JOHN M. BREAUX, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL BREAUX also known as JOHN M. BREAUX, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2022 in Cause No. 126510, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to BECKY MARIE BREAUX.

The address of such Independent Executrix is:

BECKY MARIE BREAUX
c/o Bradley Law Firm
P.O. Box 1148
Port Neches, TX 77651

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 2nd day of February, 2022.

BRADLEY LAW FIRM
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 1148
Port Neches, TX 77651
(409) 724-6644

By: */s/Lance P. Bradley*
Lance P. Bradley
State Bar No. 02826650
Attorney for the Estate of John Michael Breaux a/k/a John M. Breaux, Deceased

NOTICE INVITING BIDS BID NO. WU0122-12

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas, until **2:00 p.m. (CST), on THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022**, for furnishing all plans, administration, superintendence, labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the Contract Documents for the construction of:

CITY OF BEAUMONT PINE STREET SWTP POLYMER SYSTEM AND CHEMICAL STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. WU0122-12

together with all appurtenances thereto, being improvements for the City of Beaumont, Owner, Beaumont, Texas. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The City reserves the right, after opening Bids, to reject any or all bids or to make award to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Bidders must submit Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, Certified Check or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Beaumont in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the largest possible bid amount as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into contract and execute bond and guaranty in the form provided within fourteen (14) calendar days after date of Notice of Award of the contract. Bids without required financial security deposit will not be considered.

Prevailing Highway-Heavy, Municipal and Utilities wage rates for Jefferson County, published as part of the Contract Documents and subject to revisions, shall govern or control minimum rates for work performed during execution of the contract. Also, qualifications being equal, citizens of the City of Beaumont shall be given preference in employment for work performed under the contract.

A MANDATORY Pre-bid Conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in-person at City of Beaumont City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room, 801 Main St, Beaumont, Texas 77701 and virtual on Microsoft Teams. Attendees may join by internet or phone call:

https://bit.ly/3uBTeX8
+1 903-405-2009
Passcode: 523 374 074#

Attendance at the Pre-bid Conference is a prerequisite to bidding. Prior to the pre-bid conference, interested bidders should obtain forms of proposal, contract, bond, and specifications. Bidding documents may be obtained from the City's website:

https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

Complete sets of said Contract Documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com. There is no cost to view the plans, and printing can be done through the website. Sets of hard copies of bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be reviewed at Water Utilities Office, 1350 Langham Road, Beaumont, Texas 77707 and at the office(s) of Associated General Contractors, American Marketing Co., and F. W. Dodge.

Please make sure to reference to Bid Number: **WU0122-12**

CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS,
OWNER

By: Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

CITATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF

Douglas Lee Schmidt,
Deceased
Cause No. 10414
County Court Jasper,
Texas

An application to Determine Heirship upon the ESTATE OF Douglas Lee Schmidt, Deceased, was filed by Deborah Schmidt, in the County Court of Jasper County, Texas on this the 19th day of January 2022.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court within the required time by filing a written answer with the Clerk of Court contesting such application should they desire to do so.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office in Jasper, Texas on this the 20th day of January 2022.

DEBBIE NEWMAN
COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 2070
JASPER, TEXAS 75951

/s/ Patty Wagstaff
Deputy, Patty Wagstaff

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA S. FITTS A/K/A PATRICIA SUZANNE FITTS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of PATRICIA S. FITTS A/K/A PATRICIA SUZANNE FITTS, Deceased, were issued on February 7, 2022, in Cause No. P19307, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas to HARVEY L. WARREN, III.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

HARVEY L. WARREN, III
Independent Executor,
Estate of Patricia S. Fitts
a/k/a Patricia Suzanne Fitts,
Deceased
c/o Harvey L. Warren, III
Attorney at Law
2555 North Street
Beaumont, Texas 77702

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of February, 2022.

Harvey L. Warren, III
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Jan Hancock Herring, Deceased were issued on the 7th day of February, 2022, in Cause No. 126683, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, in Probate, to Roger D. Herring, as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to:

Lance C. Fox
Creighton, Fox, Johnson & Mills, PLLC
P.O. Box 5607
Beaumont, Texas 77726.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2022.

Roger D. Herring,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Jan Hancock Herring, Deceased

NO. 126662

ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. GOOLSBY a/k/a ARTHUR LEONARD GOOLSBY, SR., DECEASED
§
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arthur L. Goolsby a/k/a Arthur Leonard Goolsby, Sr., Deceased, were issued on February 5th, 2022, in Docket No. 126662, pending in the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: Kenneth Wayne Goolsby.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Jefferson County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o William H. Yoes
THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 7584
Beaumont, TX 77726-7584

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
1855 Calder Ave., Suite 200
P.O. Box 7584
Beaumont, Texas 77726
Telephone: (409) 833-2352
Facsimile: (409) 838-5577
Email: why@yoeslawfirm.com

By: /s/William H. Yoes
William H. Yoes
State Bar No. 22157000

ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. GOOLSBY A/K/A ARTHUR LEONARD GOOLSBY, SR.

NO. 126660

ESTATE OF JUANITA DUPRE GOOLSBY A/K/A JUANITA DUPREE GOOLSBY A/K/A JUANITA GOOLSBY, DECEASED
§
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Juanita Dupre Goolsby a/k/a Juanita Dupree Goolsby a/k/a Juanita Goolsby, Deceased, were issued on February 5th, 2022, in Docket No. 126660, pending in the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: Kenneth Wayne Goolsby.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Jefferson County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o William H. Yoes
THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 7584
Beaumont, TX 77726-7584

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

THE YOES LAW FIRM, L.L.P.
1855 Calder Ave., Suite 200
P.O. Box 7584
Beaumont, Texas 77726
Telephone: (409) 833-2352
Facsimile: (409) 838-5577
Email: why@yoeslawfirm.com

By: */s/William H. Yoes*
William H. Yoes
State Bar No. 22157000

ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE OF JUANITA DUPRE GOOLSBY a/k/a JUANITA DUPREE GOOLSBY a/k/a JUANITA GOOLSBY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Caleb Ogden Cawley, Deceased, were issued on February 1, 2022, in Cause No. 126515, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: Autumn Addie Cawley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **P. Dean Brinkley**
Attorney at Law
2090 Broadway Street
P.O. Box 3468
Beaumont, Texas
77704

DATED the 8th day of February 2022.

/s/ P. Dean Brinkley
P. Dean Brinkley
Attorney for Autumn Addie Cawley
State Bar No.: 00793388
2090 Broadway Street
P.O. Box 3468
Beaumont, Texas 77704
Telephone: (409) 835-5800
Facsimile (409) 835-5880
Email: dbrinkley@ctclaw.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Edward Manuel, Deceased, were issued on February 7, 2022, in Cause No. 126664, pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: Barbara Ann Manuel.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to Barbara Ann Manuel within the time and in the manner prescribed by law at the following address:

Barbara Ann Manuel
c/o Travis McCall
3350 Eastex Frwy.
Beaumont, TX 77703

DATED the 7th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Travis McCall
Travis McCall
Attorney for
Barbara Ann Manuel
State Bar No.: 13320200
3350 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703
Telephone: (409) 833-3350
Facsimile: (409) 833-2890
Email: Travis@travismccall.com

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDDIE RAY JOHNSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Dependent Administration in the Estate of EDDIE RAY JOHNSON, Deceased, were issued on February 8, 2022, in Cause No. PR0081913, pending in the Probate Court of Galveston County, Texas to BRIDGETTE D. JOHNSON.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

BRIDGETTE D. JOHNSON
Dependent Administratrix,
Estate of Eddie Ray
Johnson, Deceased
c/o Harvey L. Warren, III
Attorney at Law
2555 North Street
Beaumont, Texas 77702

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 8th day of February, 2022.

Harvey L. Warren, III
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that Groves Xpress LLC dba Finer Foods has filed for a Wine-Only Package Store Permit to be issued at 1155 S. 11th St. Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. Officer: Samir N. Karedia-Managing Member

Legal Notice
Advertisement for Invitation for Bids

February 8, 2022

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 for a (IFB 22-002/KJS) McLean St. Drainage Improvements with Boring Under Union Pacific Railroad. Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 webpage https://dd6.org/departments/purchasing/notices-for-bid/.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday February 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM CST. The conference will be held at the District Main Facilities located at 6550 Walden Road, Beaumont, Texas 77707. A site visit shall follow immediately after the meeting.

The District shall require the bidder to furnish a bid security in the amount of (5%) of the total contract cost. The bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Within ten (10) days after the date of the signing of a contract, the bidder shall furnish a performance bond to the District for the full amount of the contract, if the contract exceeds one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000). If the contract is for one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) or less, the District may provide that no money be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation of the District.

Bidders shall forward an original and three (3) copies of their bid to the address shown below. District does not accept bids submitted electronically. Late bids will be rejected as non-responsive. Administrative bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 boardroom at the time and date below. Bidders are invited to attend the administrative sealed bid opening.

All Bids shall be submitted to the District Purchasing Department in a sealed envelope marked:

BID NAME: McLean St. Drainage Improvements with Boring Under Union Pacific Railroad

BID NUMBER: IFB 22-002/KJS

DUE DATE/TIME: 2:00 PM, Thursday, March 3, 2022

MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 6550 Walden Rd. Beaumont, Texas 77707

We look forward to your active participation in this solicitation.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Stewart, MBA, CTCD
Business Manager: Purchasing Department
Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6

LEGAL NOTICE
Advertisement for Request for Qualifications
February 8, 2022

Dear Firms:

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 is seeking submittals in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified firms to provide Professional Surveying Services for various projects to be identified on an as needed basis throughout the District.

All interested firms shall obtain a "Request for Qualifications" packet from the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 web site at: https://dd6.org/departments/purchasing/notices-for-bid/

All responses shall be submitted with an original and three (3) copies of their qualifications to the address shown below. The District does not accept qualifications electronically. Late submittals will be rejected as non-responsive. Qualifications will be publicly opened and only the names of responding firms will be read aloud at the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 facilities at the time and date below. Firms are invited to attend the sealed opening.

All qualifications shall be submitted to the Purchasing Department in a sealed envelope marked:

Request NAME: Professional Surveying Services

Request NO: RFQ 22-004/KJS

DUE DATE/TIME: 2:00 PM, March 3, 2022

MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 6550 Walden Rd. Beaumont, Texas 77707

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Karen J. Stewart, Chief Business Officer kstewart@dd6.org Respondents are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire invitation.

Karen J. Stewart, MBA,
Chief Business Officer
Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6, Texas

NO. 126,557

ESTATE OF MAUDRY PETRY, DECEASED
§
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS IN PROBATE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MAUDRY PETRY, Deceased, were issued on the 26th day of January, 2022 in Cause No. 126,557 pending in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, to: WARREN J. PETRY and MARK A. PETRY. The post office address of the Independent Co-Executors is:

c/o James M. Black
Attorney at Law
3535 Calder Avenue,
Suite 310
Beaumont, TX 77706

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2022.

JAMES M. BLACK
Attorney at Law
3535 Calder Avenue,
Suite 310
Beaumont, TX 77706
Telephone: (409) 951-4732
Fax: (409) 951-4791
Email: jblack@jamesmblack.com

/s/ James M. Black
James M. Black
Texas Bar No. 02372000

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF MAUDRY PETRY, DECEASED

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DAVID WESLEY MCGILL, DECEASED

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation by filing a written answer to a petition filed in said Court on January 27, 2022, in Cause No.126855, styled,

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID WESLEY MCGILL, DECEASED

A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit:

TO DETERMINE THE HEIRS AND THEIR PERCENTAGE OWNERSHIP IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID WESLEY MCGILL, (DECEASED)

as is more fully shown by the petition on file in this cause.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within (90) days after day of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Beaumont, Texas, on January 28, 2022.

Laurie Leister,
County Clerk
Jefferson County, Texas

By *Paula McDaniel*
Deputy
(Paula McDaniel)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DANIEL ALLEN FREDERICK, DECEASED

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation by filing a written answer to a petition filed in said Court on January 27, 2022, in Cause No.126853, styled,

IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL ALLEN FREDERICK, DECEASED

A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit:

TO DETERMINE THE HEIRS AND THEIR PERCENTAGE OWNERSHIP IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL ALLEN FREDERICK, (DECEASED)

as is more fully shown by the petition on file in this cause.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within (90) days after day of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Beaumont, Texas, on January 27, 2022.

Laurie Leister,
County Clerk
Jefferson County, Texas

By *Paula McDaniel*
Deputy
(Paula McDaniel)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, until **2:00 P.M. (CST), THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022** and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers on that date for:

Contract for the 3rd Floor Renovation of the Municipal Court Building Located at 700 Orleans, Beaumont, Texas 77701

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (CST) on site at 700 Orleans, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas 77701, prior to the above stated time.

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City

Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409) 880-3720 or you may **download the specifications from our website at:** https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be purchased at White Reprographics (409) 832-8451 or Triangle Blueprint (409) 835-6810 in Beaumont, Texas. No refund will be made of any charges for sets of Contract Documents.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0122-11**

Bid Closing Date: **March 3, 2022**

Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
BID NO. WU0222-14

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, 801 Main Street, Room 125, Beaumont, Texas, until **2:00 p.m. (CST), on THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022** for furnishing all plans, administration, superintendence, labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the Contract Documents for the construction of:

CITY OF BEAUMONT
COLLIER'S FERRY PUMP STATION
BID NO. WU0222-14

together with all appurtenances thereto, being improvements for the City of Beaumont, Owner, Beaumont, Texas. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The City reserves the right, after opening Bids, to reject any or all bids or to make award to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Bidders must submit Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, Certified Check or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Beaumont in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the largest possible bid amount as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into contract and execute bond and guaranty in the form provided within fourteen (14) calendar days after date of Notice of Award of the contract. Bids without required financial security deposit will not be considered.

Prevailing Highway-Heavy, Municipal and Utilities wage rates for Jefferson County, published as part of the Contract Documents and subject to revisions, shall govern or control minimum rates for work performed during execution of the contract. Also, qualifications being equal, citizens of the City of Beaumont shall be given preference in employment for work performed under the contract.

A MANDATORY Pre-bid Conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in-person at City of Beaumont City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room, 801 Main St, Beaumont, Texas 77701 and virtual on Microsoft Teams. Attendees may join by internet or phone call:

https://bit.ly/3ogmTkW
+1 903-405-2009
Passcode: 399 935 326#

Attendance at the Pre-bid Conference is a prerequisite to bidding. Prior to the pre-bid conference, interested bidders should obtain forms of proposal, contract, bond, and specifications. Bidding documents may be obtained from the City's website:

https://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/

Complete sets of said Contract Documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com. There is no cost to view the plans, and printing can be done through the website. Sets of hard copies of bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of said Contract Documents may be reviewed at Water Utilities Office, 1350 Langham Road, Beaumont, Texas 77707 and at the office(s) of Associated General Contractors, American Marketing Co., and F. W. Dodge.

Please make sure to reference to Bid Number: **WU0222-14**

CITY OF BEAUMONT,
TEXAS, OWNER

By: Tina Broussard, TRMC
City Clerk

Notice to Bidders

The City of Bevil Oaks requests competitive sealed bids for the City Hall Project, FEMA 4332-DR TX Project No. 23953 and the Civic Center Project, FEMA 4332-DR TX Project No. 7038. These projects are located in the City of Bevil Oaks, Texas 77713 on two (2) separate sites, which are 0.1 miles apart.

Bid Due Date:
Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:00 am. Bids submitted after 10:00 am will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately after the specified closing time.

Interested parties may access the bid opening conference at:

Registration URL:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6042435840473116684
Webinar ID: 567-053-803

Bid will be received at the following Location:
Blueline's Houston Office
333 Cypress Run, Suite 350
Houston, Texas 77094

Virtual Pre-Bid Conference:
A non-mandatory virtual pre-bid conference will be held Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 10:00am.
Interested parties may access the pre-bid conference at:

Registration URL:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6042435840473116684
Webinar ID: 567-053-803

Please Note:
Questions can be submitted through civcastusa.com or by email at sabrenna@cityofbevilоaks.com. Questions will not be accepted after February 24, 2022.

Scope of Work:
The Project consists of construction of two (2) buildings, which breakdown as follows:

1) City Hall Building elevated (on concrete columns) and includes an enclosed office, open-office area, reception area, Conference room, Break room, and ancillary spaces (total of 1,925 square feet) and,

2) Civic Center Building elevated (on concrete columns) and includes a large Assembly room, Warming Kitchen, Public Restrooms, and ancillary spaces (total of 3,647 square feet).

The scope of work includes demolition of an existing concrete block building, a concrete slab foundation, and pavement to accommodate new construction. There is also a provided list of Alternates to reduce the scope of work.

Evaluation Criteria:
The contract will be awarded to the most qualified General Contractor based on the bidder who provides the best value for the City. In determining the best value for the City, the municipality may consider the following weighted criteria:
(1) the purchase price (30%);
(2) the reputation of the bidder (10%);
(3) the quality of the bidder's goods or services (5%);
(4) the extent to which the goods or services meet the City's needs (10%);
(5) the bidder's past relationship with the City (15%);
(6) the impact on the ability of the City to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically under-utilized businesses and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities (5%);
(7) the total long-term cost to the municipality to acquire the bidder's goods or services (5%); and
(8) the completeness of the bid (20%).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive irregularities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the Bid, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the Bid.

Bid and Bond Requirements:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, the "bid security", in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds and Guaranty on the forms provided within five days after the Notice to Proceed is received by the General Contractor. Bid sureties will be returned to all but the three (3) lowest acceptable bidders the day of opening the Bids, and the remaining bid sureties will be returned after execution of the Contract.

The successful bidder must furnish Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds on the forms furnished with the Bid, in the amounts of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, from a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Bid Documents:
Plans and specifications will be available on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the CivCastUSA website https://www.civcastusa.com.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Notice to Bidders is expected to be funded solely or in part by federal financial assistance from FEMA and is subject to FEMA program compliance.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTABLE'S SALE

This Notice is issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the **60TH Judicial District Court** of Jefferson County, Texas, by Order of Sale from the Clerk of said Court dated **September 22nd 2021**, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Constable of said County, I have on **December 17th 2021**, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in **March, 2022** the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 1085 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas in front of the Courthouse door, and on said day, beginning at 10:00 a.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Jefferson and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #: 1
Cause #: B-205492
Judgment Date: 09/22/21
Tax Account #: 034700-000-000100-00000-7
Order Issue Date: 12/16/2021
Style Of Case: OVATION SERVICES, LLC VS. FREDRICK G AVERY.
Legal Description:
LOTS NUMBERED ONE AND TWO (1&2) OF LINCOLN AVENUE EXTENSION TO THE GROVES, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS AS THE SAME APPEARS UPON THE MAP OR THE PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 37, MAP RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TX
Adjudged Value/Est Min Bid: $36,958.08

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Jefferson County, Texas to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Beaumont, Texas, January 5, 2022

/s/ Bobby Adams
Constable Robert "Bobby" Adams
Jefferson County, Texas

/s/Marlin Golmon
Chief Deputy Marlin Golmon

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of 1) the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or 2) the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or Creel Law Group, PLLC, Austin, Texas 78731 (512) 666-3490.

Note: Prior to the day of the sale, a bidder **must** request a **Statement of No Delinquent Tax Owed** from the Jefferson County Tax Office. This request for statement is available on the Jefferson County Tax Office website or available at the tax office. If you are purchasing property in the name of a company, you must provide a copy of the Assumed Name Certificate, which can be obtained from the Jefferson County Clerk's office or website, or a Franchise Tax Account Status, with a list of the officers and directors, which may obtained from the Texas Comptroller's Office Website. If you are not an officer or director of the company, you must also provide a letter on company letterhead signed by an officer or director, giving you authorization to bid on behalf of the company.

A bidder at the sale must be registered, at the time the sale begins, with the person conducting the sale. The bidder must submit the letter (Statement of No Delinquent Taxes Owed) to the person conducting the sale. Once the sale begins at 10:00 a.m. no one will be allowed to obtain a bidder number.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 0135941

To: TIMOTHY EUGENE SWINEY
448 4TH AVENUE
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77642

DEFENDANT, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law No. 1, Jefferson County, Texas at the Court House in Beaumont, Texas, at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday next after expiration of forty two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court in this cause, numbered 0135941 on the docket of said Court and styled

JOHN EDWARD SATCHER, MARIA MARALES INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF A. B., A MINOR
VS
TIMOTHY EUGENE SWINEY

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is attached and is more fully shown by Plaintiff(s)' Petition on file in this suit.

On July 15, 2020, John Edward Satcher, Maria Morales and their minor child were traveling south in the 1000 block of 2nd Avenue and made a complete stop at the intersection. Then when the Satcher's proceeded through the intersection the Defendant, Timothy Eugene Swiney (DOB 6/22/85, DL 484588513), while driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed in the 3000 block of 10th Street, slammed into Plaintiff's vehicle causing injury and property damage.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said County Court of Jefferson County at Law No. 1 at my office in Beaumont, Texas on 01/07/2022.

Laurie Leister,
County Court of Jefferson County at Law #1,

BY */Elisabeth Johnson*
Elisabeth Johnson, Deputy

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS §
BY VIRTURE OF AN ORDER OF SALE §
JEFFERSON COUNTY §

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on January 28, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the same being the March 1, 2022 day of said month, at the Jury Impaneling Room of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Beaumont, Texas between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Jefferson and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale# Cause#
Judgment Date
Account#
Order Issue Date
Style of Case
Legal Description
Adjudged Value
Estimated Minimum Bid

1 A-187614
08/26/2021
001951-000-011700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. JOHN E. COOPER, SR.
LOT 10, BLOCK 9 ARLINGTON
891 Euclid St, BMT
$2,530.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,564.00

2 A-202682
PULLED

3 A-205187
09/24/2020
068000-000-028300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. MICHAEL L. LEWIS, ET AL
Lot 6 in Block 14 of West Oakland Addition
3555 Saint James Blvd, BMT
$88,660.00
$19,683.80

4 A-205414
09/24/2020
007400-000-010900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ROBERT HARRIS SHEHEE, JR., ET AL
Lot 4 in Block 17 of Brice Addition
919 Harding Ave, PA
$980.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,014.00

5 A-206739
08/26/2021
025950-000-005300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JACK RILEY ELLIOIT, ET AL
Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8 & 5x100' Closed Alley of Hackett Addition,
325 Adams St., BMT
$5,820.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$5,854.00

6 A-206806
08/26/2021
061600-000-001900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. GERARDO TAMEZ, ET AL
Lot 3 in Block 3 of Stadium Addition
2543 Mills Ave, PA
$2500.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,534.00

7 A-206858
08/26/2021
052800-000-017900-00000 & 052800-000-018000-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JEWEL PRADOS, ET AL
TRACT 1: Lot 11A in Block 52 of Pinecrest Addition
TRACT 2: Lot 11B in Block 52 of Pinecrest Addition
Wilson St., BMT
$1,225.00
(TRACT 1)
$1,225.00
(TRACT 2)
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,552.00

8 A-207143
08/26/2021
051800-000-013700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. BEULAH FLOWERS
The West 50 feet of Lots 3 and 4 in Block N of the O. H. Pennock and Sam Potts Addition
2680 Hegele St, BMT
$1,470.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*1,504.00

9 A-207146
08/26/2021
053300-000-151700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JOHN HENRY RAVEY, ET AL
Lot 3 in Block 38 of Port Acres, PA
$5,750.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$5,784.00

10 A-207619
08/26/2021
038750-000-007200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. RALPH CONSTANDINES 1/2 OF N 1/2 LOT 6 BLOCK 3 .25 AC LUCAS ACRES
5120 Wilshire Dr., BMT
$3,016.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$3,050.00

11 A-207632
08/26/2021
053300-000-009500-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. RANDY LEE ROMERO, SR.
160x209.9x80.4x185.3 Tract 5 Lot 10 Block 1 Port Acres & Pt Canal R/W
2461 67th St., PA
$7,268.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$7,302.00

12 A-207637
08/26/2021
053400-000-441000-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. HEREIDA MORALES
Lot Three (3), In Block Three Hundred Ninety-Three (393) City Of
Port Arthur
1428 Stilwell Blvd, PA
$1,225.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,259.00

13 A-207695
08/26/2021
051250-000-008900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. PATSY RUTH GUILLORY
Lot 33 Block 5 Pear Orchard Estates
4120 Cadillac Ln, BMT
$76,116.00
$30,819.14

14 A-207697
08/26/2021
005250-000-005300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. SOUTH PARK CYCLE, LLC, ET AL
WEST 2/3 OF LOT 79 TO LOT 81 BLOCK 7 BLANCHETTE 1ST
1498 College St, BMT
$120,772.00
$37,439.80

15 B-195398
09/03/2014
048200-000-007800-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. FORRIS MITCHELL, ET AL
LOT 2 BLOCK 5 OAKLAWN 2
5700 Wheatley Ave, PA
$36,110.00
$22,182.33

16 B-197526
03/03/2016
025300-000-040200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. LARRY G. SEAMAN, ET AL
LOT 10 BLOCK 37 GRIFFING RESIDENTIAL PARK
4507 Springdale St, PA
$7,130.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$7,164.00

17 B-198451
03/02/2017
044650-000-030000-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. SOTERO CEDILLO, ET AL
LOT 6 BLOCK 535 MODEL
3318 7th St, PA
$23,340.00
$10,367.05

18 B-199701
09/15/2017
051700-000-014200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. GEORGE HILL, JR., ET AL
LOT 15 & SOUTH 5 FEET OF LOT 16 BLOCK 9 PEKIN ADDITION
1014 Herget Ave, PA
$740.00
*Bid will start at adjudged
*$774.00

19 B-200479
09/16/2021
015000-000-002700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. JOHNNIE RAO COCO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF SAM J. COCO, ET AL
LOT 10 BLOCK 3 COUSINS 2ND
2355 Pope St., BMT
$2,000.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,034.00

20 B-205192
PULLED

21A B-205201
09/16/2021
032500-000-001300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JEANIE T. NGUYEN
TRACT 1: Lot No. Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), Block One (1), in the Johnson Addition
2012 Pennsylvania St, BMT
$4,500.00
$2,432.19

21B B-205201
09/16/2021
032500-000-001400-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JEANIE T. NGUYEN
TRACT 2. Lot No. Eighteen (18) and the North Seventeen feet of Lot Thirty-Eight (N 17' of 38) Block One (1) Johnson Addition
2032 Pennsylvania St, BMT
$3,015.00
$1,631.77

22 B-206704
09/16/2021
002200-000-009000-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. SLADE W. CHRISTY, ET AL
Lot 3 Block 7 Atlantic Gardens
5143 33rd GVS
$37,538.00
$9,990.74

23 B-206731
09/16/2021
012150-000-040400-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. WILLIAM AYERS, ET AL
Lot 17 and West 10 feet of Lot 16 Block 40 Jef Chaison Addition
698 Harriot St, BMT
$3,038.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$3,072.00

24 B-207133
09/16/2021
029100-000-000700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ERIC J. GRADNEY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE HILLDALE TRUST, ET AL
Lot Number Eight (8) In Block One (1) Of Hillcrest Terrace
110 Hilldale Dr, NED
$17,096.00
$8,620.32

25 B-207152
09/16/2021
063000-000-008900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JESSIE GIBSON
Lot 2 Block 5 Sunset Gardens
PA
$2,940.00
*Bid start at adjudged value
*$2,974.00

26 B-207160
09/16/2021
046050-000-000500-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. REX M. JONES, ET AL
Lot 3 Block 2 New Texas Addition
1809 Avenue D, PN
$83,642.00
$22,652.61

27 B-207427
09/16/2021
008900-000-008000-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. WILLIAM GARY WALLACE
Lot 19 and North one-half of Lot 20 Block 12 Calder Highlands
845 Central Dr., BMT
$185,096.00
$54,786.16

28 B-207438
09/16/2021
003000-000-027300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. DARIUS JUNEAU, ET AL
Lot Twelve (12) Block Eighteen (18) Beachway
3249 19th St., PA
$70,606.00
$16,664.92

29 B-207445
09/16/2021
011550-000-009700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. LAWRENCE BALKA
Lot No. Eleven (11) Block No. Seven (7) Carver Terrace
BMT
$10,445.00
$7,349.47

30 B-207447
09/27/2021
038750-000-005600-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. TAMMY L. THIERRY, ET AL
The South Fifty-Two (S. 52') Feet Of Lot No. Fifteen (15), In Block No. Two (2), Of Lucas Acres Addition A/K/A LUCAS ACRES
T 15D B2 By The Jefferson Central Appraisal District
5075 Idylwood St., BMT
$3,016.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$3,050.00

31 B-207606
09/16/2021
044650-000-117600-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JOHN W. SHARPE, ET AL
N 1/2 Lot Four (4) Block Five Hundred Ninety-Eight (598) Model Addition
3632 12th St., PA
$990.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,024.00

32 B-207607
09/16/2021
046050-000-016100-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. C & K SAGE RESOURCES LLC, ET AL
Lot Number Thirteen (13), In Block Number Nine (9), Of New Texas Addition Also Known on the Jefferson Tax Roll as LT 13 BLK 9 & ADJ ALLEY NEW TEXAS
1009 Montrose St., PN
$61,871.00
$15,853.49

33 B-207617
PULLED

34 B-207621
09/16/2021

VS. KATHERINE MARIA JONES
Lot Nineteen (19) Block Two (2) Central Addition
2026 9th St., PN
$92,291.00
$20,131.08

37 B-207718
PULLED

38 B-207842
09/16/2021
274700-000-003100-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. EMMA MAE BAUGH, ET AL
PLAT G TRACT 30 D BROWN
1120 Buford St., BMT
$2,200.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,234.00

39 D-202944
05/16/2019
066450-000-000200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. SIMON CARRON, ET AL
LOT 2 BLOCK 1 VISTA VILLAGE PA
$5,640.00
$5,674.00

40 D-204605
PULLED

41 D-206702
PULLED

42 D-206708
05/13/2021
062150-000-000800-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. KAREN S. OGLETREE
Lots Seven (7) And Eight (8) Stillwell Addition
125 W 12th St., PA
$1,582.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,616.00

43 D-206823
05/13/2021
019900-000-001200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. RENE PAZ, ET AL
Lot Number Eight (8) Fairview Addition
2100 Neches Ave, PA
$7,841.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$7,875.00

44 D-207156
11/18/2021
053400-000-038500-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. KIMOTHY RAY FLOWERS, ET AL
Lot 10 in Block 36 City of Port Arthur
821 10th St., PA
$35,508.00
$15,260.76

45 D-207420
11/18/2021
002550-000-031200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. RICKY ROBERT CONERLY, ET AL
E29 1/2' Lot 17 W30' Lot 18 Block 19 Averill
2372 North St., BMT
$103,916.00
$58,178.74

46 D-207423
11/18/2021
009300-000-010300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. VERONICA HAIRGROVE, ET AL
Lot 117 of Calder Terrace
175 W Circuit Dr., BMT
$166,800.00
$61,198.57

47 D-207449
11/18/2021
052800-000-048700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. MATTIE JOHNSON, ET AL
Lot W 1/2 Lot 2 Block 122 Pinecrest
2465 Buchanan St., BMT
$3,675.00
*Bid will start at adjudge value
*$3,709.00

48 D-207450
11/18/2021
053400-000-555300-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. VIRGINIA W. THOMAS
The East Thirty Three And One-Third (E. 33 1/3') Feet Of Lot Number Eight (8), Block Number Five Hundred One (501) City Of Port Arthur Addition
213 13th St., PA
$33,476.00
$6,039.13

49 D-207603
11/18/2021
044250-000-006200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. STACY BAKER, ET AL
Lot Number Seven, Block Number Three (3) Of Midway Addition
715 S. 10th 1/2 Street, NED
$191,499.00
$26,550.18
50 D-207610
11/18/2021
049400-000-041564-00200
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. COMMUNITY IN-POWER & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.
LOT 4 BLK 11 RG I TR4 LOT 1 BLK 11 RG J TR 2 PALCO 8.005 AC, PA
$212,004.00
$33,832.59

51 D-207625
11/18/2021
252411-000-003100-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ROSE NELL MCQUEEN
PL D11 PT TR 34 A WILLIAMS
2060 Live Oak St., BMT
$754.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$788.00

52 D-207699
PULLED

53 D-207702
11/18/2021
001200-000-000500-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. SUSAN LORRIANE ENDERLE MCFADDIN, ET AL
Lot 3 Block 2 Amelia Heights 3rd Addition
2095 Montrose St., BMT
$94,386.00
$32,163.78

54 D-207708
11/18/2021
008900-000-015100-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. RHONDA CLEVENGER
North One-Half (N. 1/2) Lot Eight (8) And All Of Lot Nine (9) Block Seventeen (17) Calder Highlands
1418 Central Dr., BMT
$166,606.00
$33,275.27

55 D-207710
11/18/2021
009250-000-011100-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. POLLY FLOWERS, ET AL
Lot Six (6) And The South Fifty Feet (S. 50') Of Lot Seven (7) Block Nine (9) Calder Place
602 23rd St. BMT
$119,368.00
$19,431.99

56 D-207717
11/18/2021
016750-000-003900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. DIANA M. DUVAL
Lot Three (3) Block Four (4) Dixie Gardens
5549 Hogaboom Rd., GVS
$107,278.00
$23,587.76

57 D-207726
11/18/2021
028850-000-004800-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. NORAH EILEEN SMITH
The Northeast One-Half Of Lot Number Twenty-Two (NE. 1/2 Of 22) And The Southwest One-Half Of Lot Number Twenty- Three (SW. 1/2 Of 23) In Block Number Four (4) Of
Hillcrest Addition; A/K/A, E 1/2 Lt 22 & W 1/2 Lt 23, Blk 4, Hillcrest 1st By The Jefferson Central Appraisal District.
2512 Avenue B, NED
$59,993.00
$17,178.05

58 D-207727
11/18/2021
028850-000-014350-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. CHADINE FRANKLIN
South Fifty Feet Of Lots Numbered One And Two (S. 50' Of 1 & 2) In Block Number Eleven (11) Hillcrest
408 S 23rd St., NED
$13,200.00
$6,193.41

59 D-207732
11/18/2021
035450-000-015500-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. VAN THAN LE
Lot Five (5), In Block Fifteen (15) Of Lambert Addition
3324 14th St., PA
$980.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,1014.00

60 D-207985
11/18/2021
051850-000-000600-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. CLARA GOODMAN
Lot 7 Block 1 O H Pennock
3830 Houston St., BMT
$21,424.00
$16,252.98

61 D-208156
11/18/2021
053400-000-426900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. WANDA BEAN, ET AL
Lot Number Three (3) Block Number Three Hundred Eighty (380) City Of Port Arthur
1626 14th PA
$75,472.00
$24,660.55

62A E-194798
PULLED

62B E-194798
PULLED

63 E-202701
12/05/2019
047400-000-002700-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. SHANNON DENARD
LOTS FORTY-TWO (42) AND FORTY-THREE (43) BLOCK FIVE (5) O'BRIEN ADDITION
1595 S M L King, Jr. Pkwy., BMT
$50,930.00
$5,296.27

64 E-202708
06/10/2021
067550-000-008400-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY
VS. DANE E. BARBRE
LOT ELEVEN-A (11-A) BLOCK TWO (2) WESCALDER FIG ACRES 70X240'
8890 Blaylock Ln, BMT
$61,655.00
$14,260.84

65 E-204876
12/02/2021
062500-000-019900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ALTON JOSEPH KING, ET AL
Lot 11 in Block 14 of Suburban Acres Addition, Unit 3
7830 Homer Dr., BMT
$7,000.00
$7,034.00

66 E-205161
12/02/2021
009700-000-000800-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. THOMAS NOLAN KIZZIAH, ET AL
North One-Half of Lot Number Eight Block Number Two of
Caldwood Acres
710 Lindbergh Dr., BMT
$226,925.00
$15,308.11

67 E-207150
06/10/2021
056850-000-014800-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. THOMAS ALEX WASHINGTON, ET AL
Lot 10 in Block 5 of Roosevelt Subdivision
1106 W 6th St., PA
$1,164.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,198.00

68 E-207153
06/10/2021
053400-000-473900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. MATTIE SANDERS, ET AL
Lot 7 in Block 423 of City of Port Arthur
1101 14th St, PA
$980.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
$1,014.00

69 E-207426
12/02/2021
003850-000-024400-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ERMA CRUZ GARN
Lot 11 Block 15 Bel Air
7795 San Diego St., BMT
$77,518.00
$49,025.33

70 E-207716
PULLED

71 E-207736
12/02/2021
044140-000-001900-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JAMES SCOTT, ET AL
N50' Of S115' Of E145' Of Lt 5, Tr. 17, Merren No 1 Out Of Palco Lt 4, Blk. 3, Rg. G
Sabine Ave, PA
$2,475.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$2,509.00

72 E-207848
12/02/2021
032400-000-014600-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. ABNER M. ALBRITTON
NC 43 ft., Lot 5 and Lot 6 Block 16
956 Forrest St., BMT
$1,892.00
*Bid will start at adjudged value
*$1,926.00

73 E-208125
12/02/2021
006750-000-000200-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. EDDIE WALKER
The North (or rear) 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 1 of Boulevard Heights
3349 5th Ave, PA
$95,588.00
$31,361.28

74 E-208146
12/02/2021
053400-000-299400-00000
01/28/2022
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ET AL
VS. NELVA HOUSE WILLIAMS
Lot 11 in Block 263 City of Port Arthur Addition
2137 11th St, PA
$104,435.00
$32,614.78

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Jefferson County, Texas to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Beaumont, Texas, 01/28/2022.

Chief Donta Miller
Jefferson County, Texas
Sheriff's Department

Notes: The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs at (409) 832-9483.

LEGAL NOTICE
Advertisement for Request for Proposals Bank Depository Services

January 24, 2022

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas (the "Port") for **Bank Depository Services.** Specifications for these services may be obtained from the Port website, portofbeaumont.com or by calling 409-835-5367, attention Tracy Mills.

Proposals are to be sealed and addressed to the Port Commission and marked "Bank Depository Services Proposal" on the outside of the envelope or box. Offerors shall forward an original and one (1) copy of their proposal to the address shown below. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be opened and only the name of the proposing bank will be read aloud in the Port Commission offices located at 1225 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, at the time and date shown below. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and maintains the confidentiality of the proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for public inspection after the award of the contract, except for proprietary and confidential information. Offerors are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

PROPOSAL NAME:
Port of Beaumont Bank Depository Services

DUE DATE/TIME:
2:00 pm CST, February 18, 2022

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:
David C. Fisher
Port Director and CEO
Port of Beaumont Navigation District
1225 Main Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701
Or
Post Office Drawer 2297
Beaumont, Texas 77704

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Tracy Mills, Director of Finance & Risk Management at (409) 835-5367 or tm@pobtx.com.

The Port encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in the bidding process. The Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at (409) 835-5367 to make arrangements no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the submittal deadline. The Port reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of the Port.

All interested firms are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this proposal.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire invitation.

Port Commission
Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Vidor Independent School District Child Nutrition Department will accept sealed proposals for the purchase of **Public School Food Service Equipment for Child Nutrition Services** until 2:00 P.M. on February 18, 2022.

Proposals will be opened and read aloud and tabulations will be made and presented to the Vidor ISD Board of Education for review at the earliest possible date after February 18, 2022.

Proposals are to be received at the office of the Director of Support Services of Vidor Independent School District, 505 Orange Street, Vidor, Texas 77662. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from Mary Ellen Vivrett, Director of Child Nutrition, at mvivrett@vidorisd.org or call (409) 951-8711 or Bobby Hester, Warehouse/Purchasing Supervisor, at (409) 951-8770 or hesterb@vidorisd.org.

Vidor Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or price quotations and waives any formality in bidding. Please mark envelope "Child Nutrition Public School Food Service Equipment Proposal #22-01" and mail to:

Director of Support Services
"Child Nutrition Public School Food Service Equipment Proposal No. 22-01"
505 Orange Street
Vidor, Texas 77662

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that Cajun Moon AQ LLC dba Cajun Moon Spirits has filed for a Package Store Permit to be issued at 5690 Concord Rd, Ste. B Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.
Officer: Quiana L. Harrison - Manager

SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Texas Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Funds

Notice is hereby given that the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) is seeking input for community mitigation needs related to mitigating the effects of future disasters, as it prepares to develop a Method of Distribution (MOD) for $61,216,000 or $142,878,000 in Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program Funds (CDBG-MIT). Written and oral comments will be accepted at public hearings scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. In person at the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77703 or virtually. Instructions to join the meeting virtually will be posted on our website, SETRPC.org, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Virtually. Instructions to join the meeting will be posted on our website, SETRPC.org, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The SETRPC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending SETRPC functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by SETRPC staff 24 hours prior to the function. Public hearings will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours prior to the function. Please call (409) 899-8444, x6603 for assistance.

Written comments will be taken until 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and may be submitted by hand-delivery, mail, fax or email to: CDBG-MIT Comments, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77703; fax – (409) 347-0138; email – mitmod@setrpc.org.

SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS
Fondos del Programa de Mitigación Regional de Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas (CDBG-MIT)

Por la presente se da aviso de que la Comisión de Planificación Regional del Sureste de Texas (SETRPC) está buscando aportes para las necesidades de mitigación de la comunidad relacionadas con la mitigación de los efectos de futuros desastres, mientras se prepara para desarrollar un Método de Distribución (MOD) por $61,216,000 o $142,878,000 en Desarrollo de Comunitario Fondos del Programa de Mitigación Regional de Subvención en Bloque (CDBG-MIT). Se aceptarán comentarios escritos y orales en las audiencias públicas programadas para las siguientes fechas, horas y lugares:

Miércoles, 16 de febrero de 2022, a las 13:30 h. En persona en la Comisión de Planificación Regional del Sureste de Texas, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77703 o virtualmente. Las instrucciones para unirse a la reunión virtualmente se publicarán en nuestro sitio web, SETRPC.org, 48 horas antes de la reunión.

Jueves, 24 de febrero de 2022, a las 18:30 h. Virtualmente. Las instrucciones para unirse a la reunión se publicarán en nuestro sitio web, SETRPC.org, 48 horas antes de la reunión.

La SETRPC proporcionará adaptaciones razonables para las personas que asistan a las funciones de la SETRPC. Las solicitudes de personas que necesitan adaptaciones especiales deben ser recibidas por el personal de SETRPC 24 horas antes de la función. Las audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Las solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben realizarse al menos 48 horas antes de la función. Llame al (409) 899-8444, x6603 para obtener ayuda.
Se tomarán comentarios por escrito hasta las 12:00 p.m. (mediodía), martes 1 de marzo de 2022 y puede enviarse personalmente, por correo, fax o correo electrónico a: CDBG-MIT Comments, 2210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77703; fax – (409) 347-0138; correo electrónico: mitmod@setrpc.org.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-004

ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FINDING CERTAIN STRUCTURES TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OR REPAIR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT:

Section 1.

That the City Council of the City of Beaumont hereby finds and declares the buildings located at:

1. 588 Alma
2. 1195 Amarillo
3. 3910 Avenue B
4. 2555 Brickyard
5. 2360 Calder - commercial
6. 2525 Calder - commercial
7. 1315 Caldwell
8. 875 Church
9. 1469 Corley
10. 1345 Doucette – Duplex 1345-1347 Doucette
11. 2185 Fillmore – includes garage Duplex 2165-2185 Fillmore
12. 11185 Forest Gln
13. 8465 Frazier – includes shed
14. 7130 Frint
15. 348 Garland
16. 6180 Garner – shed only
17. 11375 Glenbrook – includes shed
18. 2930 Glenwood
19. 1810 Harriot
20. 2040 Harriot – includes shed
21. 2690 Holton – 3 sheds only
22. 3655 Houston
23. 4070 Houston
24. 645 Iowa
25. 2195 Ives
26. 535 Jackson
27. 2090 Leight
28. 1935 Lela – shed only
29. 3165 Magnolia
30. 4615 Magnolia – includes rear structures
31. 3735 Maida
32. 28 Mariposa
33. 2372 North – includes shed
34. 1615 Park - commercial
35. 2760 Palestine
36. 1495 Pennsylvania – commercial
37. 2499 Pine
38. 2630 Potts – includes shed
39. 2440 Primrose – includes shed
40. 2275 Sarah
41. 451 Schwarner
42. 3615 Scranton
43. 750 Shell
44. 1515 South
45. 2151 St. Anthony – includes shed
46. 3260 St. James
47. 1550 Threadneedle – includes shed & carport
48. 913 Trinidad – includes shed
49. 3570 Waco
50. 4555 Warren

Section 2.

In accordance with Article XVII, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Beaumont, Chapter 24, Article 24.04 of the Code of Ordinances of Beaumont, Texas, it is hereby ordered that the owner or owners of the following described buildings demolish and remove said structures within ten (10) days of the effective date of this ordinance.

If the property owner(s) fail(s) to comply within ten (10) days, Council orders that the property be demolished without further notification to the property owners or City Council action.

1. 588 Alma
3. 3910 Avenue B
6. 2525 Calder - commercial
8. 875 Church
10. 1345 Doucette-Duplex 1345-1347 Doucette
11. 2185 Fillmore - includes garage Duplex 2165-2185 Fillmore
12. 11185 Forest Gln
13. 8465 Frazier - includes shed
14. 7130 Frint
16. 6180 Garner - shed only
17. 11375 Glenbrook - includes shed
18. 2930 Glenwood
19. 1810 Harriot
20. 2040 Harriot - includes shed
21. 2690 Holton - 3 sheds only
22. 3655 Houston
24. 645 Iowa
25. 2195 Ives
26. 535 Jackson
27. 2090 Leight
28. 1935 Lela - shed only
29. 3165 Magnolia
34. 1615 Park – commercial
35. 2760 Palestine
43. 750 Shell
45. 2151 St. Anthony - includes shed
47. 1550 Threadneedle - includes shed & carport

Section 4.

If a property owner requests and is authorized by City Council to enroll in a work program, all properties are to be secured from unauthorized entry, and all delinquent taxes shall be paid in full or a payment plan executed prior to the enrollment of the property in the work program.

Section 5.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to a particular set of persons or circumstances should for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and to such end the various portions and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6.

That any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances of Beaumont, Texas.

The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Beaumont this the 25th day of January, 2022.

- Mayor Robin Mouton

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We're off to see the wizard

By Chad Cooper
Entertainment Editor



Olivia de la Madrid, Avery Jackson, Cole Henson and Sienna Peterson

As the late Marsha Woody Zummo had a vision to bring dance to a higher level when she founded the Beaumont Civic Ballet, children's author L. Frank Baum also shared a vision when he authored "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by blending elements of magic, humor, characters to inspire life lessons.

"All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty."

Victor Fleming turned the book into the famed musical that stared the likes of Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Billie Burke and Margaret Hamilton in 1939 and still remains as one of the greatest films of all time some eight decades later.

For the first time ever, the Beaumont Civic Ballet will present "The Wizard of Oz" on Sunday, Feb. 13, inside the Julie Rogers Theatre (765 Pearl St.) in downtown Beaumont at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for seniors/children, $20 adults, and can be purchased online at beaumontcivicballet.net or by calling (409) 838-4397.

"We love to do storybook ballets," said Monique Zummo Steinhagen, director of the Beaumont Civic Ballet. "We have done 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs,' 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Sleeping Beauty,' but 'The Wizard of Oz' is completely new. It inspires everyone when we do something different. When I see the excitement with the kids and the staff, that inspires me. I know I am doing my job right when their faces light up."

> "I shall take the heart. For brains do not make one happy and happiness is the best thing in the world."
> -The Tin Man

Steinhagen said that co-director Megan Forgas Anderson had the idea of "The Wizard of Oz" three years ago. "This is all Megan," added Steinhagen.

Anderson said it fell into place last summer, but it took time to find the right music to actually compose the ballet. Rehearsals began in August before the company started with The Nutcracker.

"The music from the musical is cinematic," said Anderson. "It's not near enough. You need highs and lows, fast and slows to do an entire work." After searching, Anderson found French composer Francis Poulenc and pieced together several of his works to create the music for "The Wizard of Oz."

"Once you have the music, you create the storyline," said Anderson. "Then, once the dancers are in the studio, you create characters around them and that's what I like the most with originals – you create it specifically for each dancer."

All of the favorites of "The Wizard of Oz" will be seen on stage including Dorothy (Avery Jackson, freshman at West Brook); The Tin Man (Olivia de la Madrid, sophomore at West Brook); Scarecrow (Sienna Peterson, sophomore at Kelly); The Cowardly Lion (Cole Henson, graduating senior); The Wicked Witch of the West (Emerie Callas, junior at Hardin Jefferson Glinda the Good Witch (Avery Binagia, graduating senior).

"I took pieces from both the book and movie," said Anderson. "We will have projector images with an animated tornado on stage as well as the great and powerful Wizard will come alive on stage."

Anderson added that this performance gives the company an opportunity to dance new roles and improve on their technique, too.

"The main characters have created a really great chemistry," said Anderson. "It's really fun. I have a smile on my face talking about it – watching them bring their natural talent to the stage."

More than 50 dancers will perform in the ballet.

"We have phenomenal talent," added Anderson. "Our girls are the best. They are classically trained ballerinas."

With incredible costumes by Ouida Broussard, remarkable make up by artist Suzette Broussard, high quality tech, which includes fantastic lighting by Mark Arrington and Sweet Southern Sound, the audience will be in for an unforgettable afternoon.

"It's a precious," said Steinhagen. "It's the story of 'The Wizard of Oz,' but none of the music. Our characters are in ballet form, but they look like the main characters. They are prettier and not as scary. Even our Wicked Witch looks awesome."

Pardi Gras

Don't let the name fool ya. Pardi Gras is Mardi Gras with a cause. Southeast Texas Circle of Hope's seventh annual event will happen this weekend in the Beaumont Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 6-11:30 p.m.

Dress in your favorite Mardi Gras apparel and get ready to dance the night away to the sounds of Three Thirty Seven. This nine-piece party band from Lafayette, Louisiana, features Ashley Addison and Cory Landry on vocals with a killer rhythm section, soulful vocals, perfectly placed rhythm and lead guitars accompanied by a powerful horn section. Their high-energy sound spans decades and includes your favorite songs from five decades.

Food? No problem. Red beans, rice and sausage will be served, and cash bars are available for drinks. Tickets are $26 and can be purchased online at southeasttexascircleofhope.com.

Proceeds will benefit the Southeast Texas Circle of Hope, which is a nonprofit charitable organization founded in December of 2014. Its mission is to assist those in need of help with funds for catastrophic event, medical and/or funeral needs. They seek to assist those in need not only financially, but emotionally as well through the outpouring of love and support from the community around them.

The Civic Center is located at 701 Main St. in downtown Beaumont. For more information, call (409) 550-7135.



Super Bowl hike

The Big Thicket Association will host a "Super Bowl Sunday Hike" at the Big Thicket National Preserve's Kirby Nature Trail Inner Loop on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1:30 p.m.

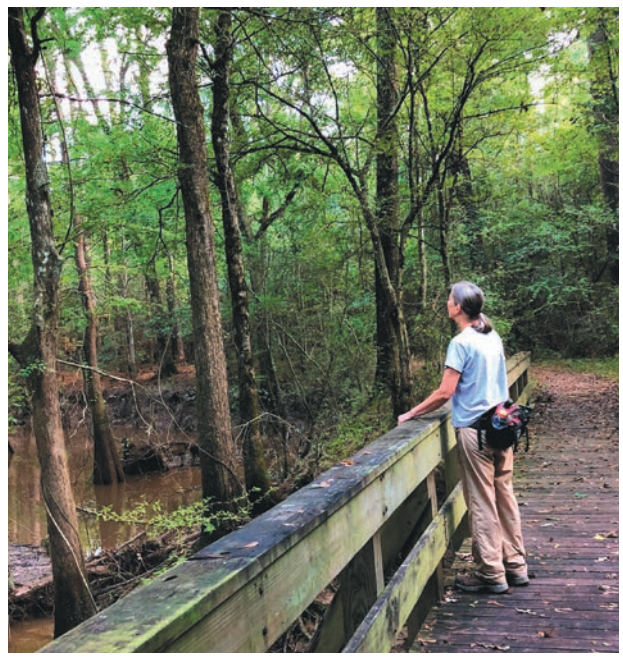
There are three loop options, ranging from 1.5 to 2.5 miles, pass through several plant communities, from bay-galls to cypress sloughs to the riparian zone along Village Creek. Hikers can also choose longer and shorter hiking options, but will return to the starting point at the Kirby Trailhead.

Registration is free and can be done on the Big Thicket Association's Facebook page. Patrons should meet at the Kirby Trailhead on FM 420, which is 2 1/2 miles east of US 69 and the visitor center (6102 FM 420) in Kountze at 1 p.m.

Patrons are encouraged to bring water, snakes, insect repellent and good walking shoes. Please note that except for service animals, pets are not permitted at public programs.

The preserve consists of nine land units and six water corridors. encompassing more than 113,000 acres. The Big Thicket, often referred to as a "biological crossroads," is a transition zone between four distinct vegetation types – the moist eastern hardwood forest, the southwestern desert, the southeastern swamp, and the central prairies. Species from all of these different vegetation types come together in the thicket, exhibiting a variety of vegetation and wildlife that has received global interest.

For more information, call (409) 790-5399.



Family Arts Day

The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) presents its winter Free Family Arts Day on Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Art activities are inspired by Valentine's Day, President's Day and Mardi Gras as well as AMSET's current exhibition, "Francesca Fuchs: Seriously and Slightly Funny Things."

According to AMSET, the hands-on art activities help children and their families explore the artwork on display and use their creativity to make artwork in the same styles as those artists.

Children can decorate Mardi Gras necklaces, make Valentine's Day cards and President's beards as well as paint rocks and creatively customize their own mug. Complimentary cookies and punch will be provided. A concession stand serving ballpark-style food will also be available. This event will be held outside in the museum parking lot, weather permitting.

Planned in conjunction with four major exhibitions each year, Family Arts Days combine creative exploration of the exhibits on display, plus hands-on art activities and interpretive programming for families.

All activities are free, and all art materials are provided. For more information, visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

AMSET is located at 500 Main St. in downtown Beaumont.



Classic Movie Night

It's a special Valentine's Day edition of Classic Movie Night at the historic Jefferson Theatre on Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. with the 1989 romance comedy, "When Harry Met Sally."

In 1977, college graduates Harry Burns (Billy Crystal) and Sally Albright (Meg Ryan) share a contentious car ride from Chicago to New York, during which they argue about whether men and women can ever truly be strictly platonic friends. Ten years later, Harry and Sally meet again at a bookstore, and in the company of their respective best friends, Jess (Bruno Kirby) and Marie (Carrie Fisher), attempt to stay friends without sex becoming an issue between them.



The movie, which is Rated R and is 1 hour and 35 minutes in length, is ranked No. 23 on AFI's "100 Years… 100 Laughs" list of top comedy films in American cinema and No. 60 on Bravo's "100 Funniest Movies."

Tickets are $6 and can be purchased online at beaumonteventstx.com. The first 50 people inside the Jefferson (345 Fannin St.) will receive a complimentary rose. The Curators will also perform live music plus food will be available for purchased from Winbush's Divine Flavors food truck, chocolates and wine by McMorris Events as well as an exclusive Valentine's Day Jefferson Theatre sticker.

For more information, call (409) 838-3435 or view beaumonteventstx.com.

‘Moonfall’: In space no one can hear you blowing money

RATED PG-13
LENGTH: 2 hours



The new space-disaster movie “Moonfall” comes with crucial warnings clearly posted. First of all, it’s a film by the shameless CGI merchant Roland Emmerich, who hasn’t delivered a really sharp picture since early in the Clinton administration. The second tipoff, for those who pay attention to such things, is a writing credit for Harald Kloser, who previously co-wrote two of Emmerich’s silliest films, “2012” (2009) and the head-slappingly ridiculous “10,000 B.C.” (2008). Then there’s Emmerich’s trademark digital-effects overload, which is annoying even in the movie’s trailer, in which skies are darkened by chunks of tumbling space debris that could also pass as very large intergalactic insects.

In the actual movie we find the director repeating himself – never a happy development. Once again there are sad parents, winsome kids, cratering real estate, and a really big tidal wave. This time, though, the movie’s rampant computerization and subpar lighting design make whole scenes look fake, and cliche shaky-cam photography is a recurring annoyance.



Screener
with
Kurt Loder

The picture begins with an unblushing nod in the direction of the 2013 Sandra Bullock movie “Gravity.” We’re up in space with three U.S. astronauts: Harper (Patrick Wilson), Fowler (Halle Berry) and Marcus (Frank Fiola). Two of them are clambering around outside their ship when a storm of space junk suddenly arrives and carries Marcus away. Fast-forwarding 10 years, we learn that Harper, who was the commander of that ill-fated mission, was afterward booted from NASA in disgrace and is now struggling financially, while still trying to win the respect of his dejected son, Sonny (Charlie Plummer).

By this point we’ve made the acquaintance of a space nut named Houseman (John Bradley, from “Game of Thrones”), a fast-food clerk who’s also a science prodigy and collector of conspiracy theories. Houseman has deduced something that no one else in the known universe has noticed – that the moon has somehow been knocked off its orbit, and we’re all gonna die.

This development draws in Fowler, the other survivor of the blown mission at the beginning of the film. She’s now a big deal at NASA, with a little boy who is very cute. With all the scary stuff going on in and above the world right now, Fowler suddenly finds herself promoted (by her weaselly boss, on his way out of town) to head of the agency. (This only minimally complicates her main job of laying exposition on us.)

The usual avalanche of Emmerichian bad stuff starts happening, accompanied by the usual Emmerichian mudslide of bad dialogue:

“What you’re about to see, only a handful of people have seen before.”

“It’s doing something to the mega-structure’s power core.”

“Security’s extremely tight here – call when you get close.”

Eventually we learn that the moon is hollow – that it was built by aliens. And after Emmerich pays a visit to the well of ancient sci-fi plot devices, we learn that long ago there was a revolt by a tyrannical artificial intelligence that refused to be enslaved by humans. (Skynet isn’t mentioned, but we get the idea.) That conflict continues today, we’re told. And there’s also a resident monster making things dicey for biological life forms. (If only it were better designed; it looks like a long, black, armored space snake, and it’s not all that interesting to behold.)

Given the acres of CGI on display here, it’s no surprise that the picture had a hefty budget (estimated to be in the area of $146 million), very little of which seems to have been funneled into script-polishing. Since the movie was independently financed, outside assistance had to be sought, which is probably why Emmerich and his associates have been so generous in name-checking their supporters. One character mentions “our friends at SpaceX”; another says, “The Chinese are offering us their prototype.” (The Beijing-based production company Huayi Brothers Media also came onboard to help out.) Would any of these outfits be eager to help out with a sequel? Although Emmerich’s movies usually make major money at the international box office, it’s hard to imagine that question arising in connection with this one.



Kurt Loder, a New York Times best-selling author and former host of MTV’s “The Week in Rock,” is the film critic for Reason Online.

MOVIES

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AMERICAN UNDERDOG (Reissue)
PG | Drama | 112 mins

BLACKLIGHT
PG-13 | Action | 105 mins

DEATH ON THE NILE
PG-13 | Drama | 127 mins

DUNE (Reissue)
PG-13 | Drama | 155 mins

MARRY ME
PG-13 | Comedy | 112 mins

BELFAST (Reissue)
PG-13 | Drama | 98 mins

JACKASS FOREVER
R | Comedy | 96 mins

MOONFALL
PG-13 | Action | 130 mins

SCREAM
R | Horror/Suspense | 114 mins

LICORICE PIZZA
R | Comedy/Drama | 136 mins

SING 2
PG | Comedy | 110 mins

SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME
PG-13 | Action | 148 mins

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DEATH ON THE NILE
PG-13 | Drama | 2hr 7mins

MARRY ME
PG-13 | Comedy | 1hr 52mins

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON
PG | Animated | 1hr 38mins

BLACKLIGHT
PG-13 | Action | 1hr 45mins

JACKASS FOREVER
R | Comedy | 96 mins

MOONFALL
PG-13 | Action | 130 mins

SCREAM
R | Horror/Suspense | 114 mins

SING 2
PG | Comedy | 110 mins

SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME
PG-13 | Action | 148 mins

LIVE MUSIC

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BRICK & BARLEY (ORANGE)
Wed., Feb. 16: Layne Allen

BLUE MARTINI (GOLDEN NUGGET)
Fri., Feb. 11: Electric Circus
Sat., Feb. 12: Electric Circus
Sun., Feb. 13: Jarvis & The Gents
Fri., Feb. 18: Satellite
Sat., Feb. 19: Satellite
Sun. Feb. 20: Jarvis & The Gents

DYLAN'S (PORT ARTHUR)
Thurs., Feb. 10: Rusty James
Fri., Feb. 11: Locklear & Primeaux
Sat., Feb. 12: Brad Brinkley
Sun., Feb. 13: Brett Welch
Thurs., Feb. 17: Caleb Williams
Fri., Feb. 18: Aaron & Jairo
Sat., Feb. 19: 4-Way Split
Sun. Feb. 20: Casey Chesnutt

FREE STATE CELLARS WINERY (ORANGE)
Fri., Feb. 11: Rusty James Duo
Sat., Feb. 12: Groovy Groves
Fri., Feb. 18: Curse & The Cure
Sat., Feb. 19: Sidecar

GRAND EVENT CENTER (GOLDEN NUGGET)
Sat., Feb. 19: Night Ranger

JEFFERSON CO. DANCE CLUB (NEDERLAND)
Fri., Feb. 11: Bayou Rush
Sun., Feb. 13: Mid County Players

JEFFERSON THEATRE
Thurs., Feb. 10: Travis Tritt
Wed., Feb. 16: Kansas

HONKY TONK TEXAS (SILSBEE)
Fri., Feb. 11: Brad Brinkley
Sat., Feb. 12: The Bellamy Brothers
Mon., Feb. 14: Glen Templeton
Thurs., Feb. 17: Brian's Band
Sat., Feb. 19: Donice Morace

LUKE'S BAR & GRILL
Thurs., Feb. 10: JP Primeaux
Fri., Feb. 11: Groovy Groves
Sat., Feb. 12: Gabe Cosby
Thurs., Feb. 17: Johnny Jimenez
Fri., Feb. 18: Chris Hantz
Sat., Feb. 19: Aaron & Jairo

MACKENZIE'S PUB
Thurs., Feb. 10: Britt Godwin
Sat., Feb. 12: Britt Godwin
Thurs., Feb. 17: Britt Godwin
Sat., Feb. 19: Mid-Life Crisis

MADISON'S
Fri., Feb. 11: Matt Sebastian Band
Sat., Feb. 12: Smokey Romance
Sun., Feb. 13: Thomas Teague
Fri., Feb. 18: Johnny Jimenez Band
Sat., Feb. 19: Spellbound
Sun. Feb. 20: David Locklear

MI CASA (ORANGE)
Thurs., Feb. 10: Brad Brinkley
Thurs., Feb. 17: Ryan Lee MC

PINE TREE LODGE (LABELLE)
Fri., Feb. 11: Music Box
Sat., Feb. 12: Mixx Fixxer
Sun., Feb. 13: Geno Delafose
Fri., Feb. 18: Flip Flop Man
Sat., Feb. 19: Crossroads
Sun. Feb. 20: Eazy

RAYBURN COUNTRY RESORT (BROOKELAND)
Sat., Feb. 12: Jimmy Wooten Band
Sat., Feb. 19: Johnny Jimenez & Damon Troy

RIKENJACK'S (VIDOR)
Sat., Feb. 12: Ryan Lee MC & Doug Ford
Sat., Feb. 19: Casey Chesnutt

RUSH LOUNGE (GOLDEN NUGGET)
Thurs., Feb. 10: Zach Gonzales
Fri., Feb. 11: After Party
Sat., Feb. 12: After Party
Sun., Feb. 13: Lil Rich
Thurs., Feb. 17: David Joel
Fri., Feb. 18: Tricky Dickies
Sat., Feb. 19: Tricky Dickies
Sun. Feb. 20: Rhett Anthony

SAWDUST SALOON
Fri., Feb. 11: Darrin Morris
Fri., Feb. 18: Aaron Watson

THE LOGON CAFÉ
Mon., Feb. 14: Night & Day Orchestra
Thurs., Feb. 17: Ryan Gist & Stephen Perricone
Fri., Feb. 18: Danny O'Flaherty
Sat., Feb. 19: Hot Grits, Ariel Bush


Thomas Teague

THE WHEELHOUSE (PORT NECHES)
Thurs., Feb. 10: Bert Hebert
Fri., Feb. 11: Austin McCarter
Sat., Feb. 12: Music Box
Fri., Feb. 18: JAG
Sat., Feb. 19: Flip Flop Man
Sun. Feb. 20: Flip Flop Man

THIRSTY'S
Fri., Feb. 11: Stephen Perricone
Sat., Feb. 12: Blake Sticker
Fri. Feb. 18: Mello Jello

TIA JUANITA'S (PORT ARTHUR)
Fri., Feb. 18: Wayne Dylan


Kansas

HOUSTON

BAYOU MUSIC CENTER
Sat., Feb. 19: Underoath

HOUSE OF BLUES
Thurs., Feb. 10: The Wombats
Fri., Feb. 11: Sevyn Streeter
Sat., Feb. 12: Marcus King
Mon., Feb. 14: Killswitch Engage
Thurs., Feb. 17: Fireboy DML
Fri., Feb. 18: Caravan Palace
Sat., Feb. 19: Big Head Todd
Sun., Feb. 20: Wale

RISE ROOFTOP
Sat., Feb. 19: Cheat Codes
Sun., Feb. 20: The Wonder Years

SCOUT BAR
Thurs., Feb. 17: Red

TOYOTA CENTER
Wed., Feb. 16: Bad Bunny
Thurs., Feb. 17: Bad Bunny

WAREHOUSE LIVE
Fri., Feb. 18: Snarky Puppy
Sat., Feb. 19: Elle King

WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL
Thurs., Feb. 10: Caribou
Tues., Feb. 15: Emily King

Sensational symphony ball



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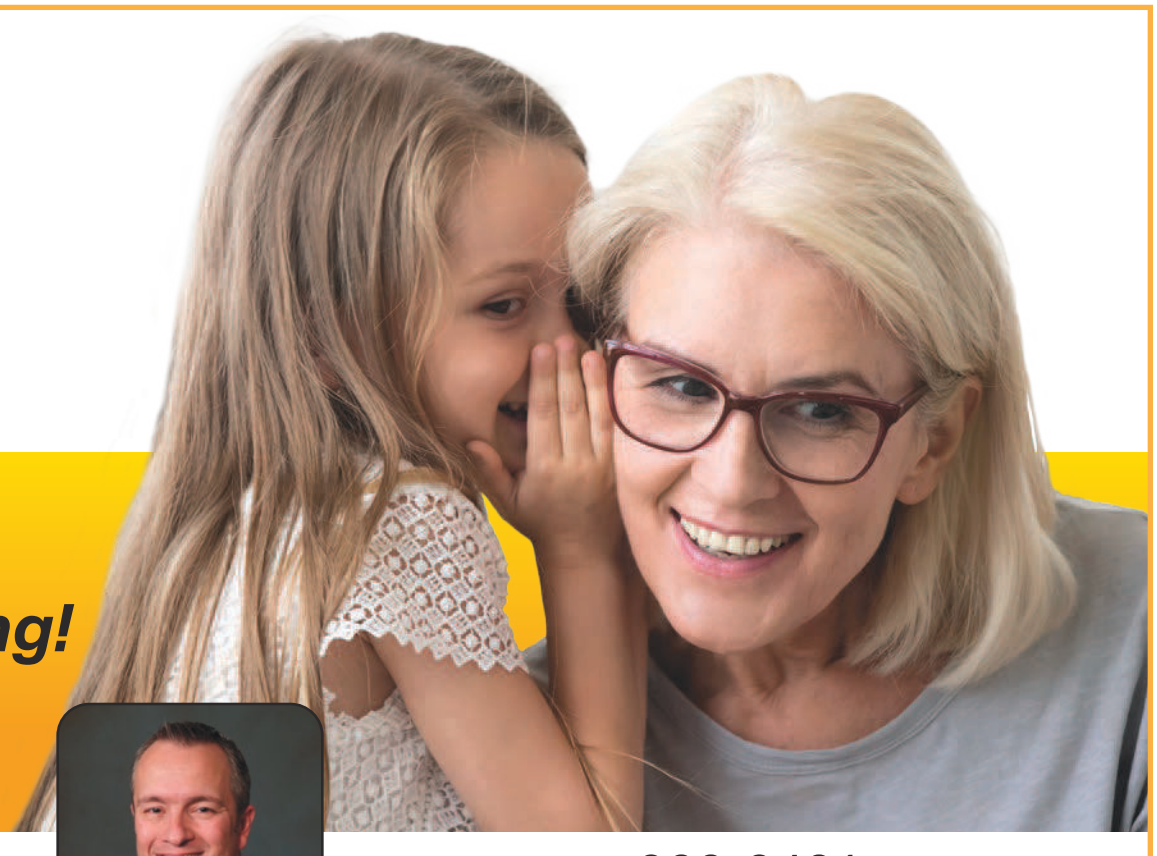
The Symphony League of Beaumont held their annual Belle Ball last Saturday evening. Belle chairs **Tara Audilet** and **Mellie Bevilacqua** did a wonderful job orchestrating all the activities for both the Belles and Beaus. Ball chair **Lauren Martin** has received reviews for the incredible a transformation of the Civic Center into a lush English garden with the theme, "Bloom Where You Are Planted." It was truly an evening of "bragging rights" for grandparents, parents and siblings of the honorees as they all shined bright throughout the evening. A fan fav of the evening is the mother/son and father/daughter dance, which kicks off the dance floor participation. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the precious Flower Belles (many are the younger sisters of the Belles and Beaus). In the mix were **Layla Anders, Lillian Cavett, Georgia Cobb, Nixon Collins, Elisabeth Hall, Gentry Hoffpauir, Audrey Hurburt, Elizabeth Jackson, Gabriella Jaynes, Katherine Maloney, Adrienne Mathews, Madeline Mathews, Mary Morrell, Hazel Smith, Lillian Snider, Margeaux Stevens, Genevieve Strahan** and **Susannah Strahan**. Once again, **Carol Smith** did a tremendous job coordinating the presentation. Belles presented with their amazing parents were **Annalise Bond** with **Lisa** and **Trent Bond**; **Isabella Brandimarte** with **Chelsea** and **Nathan Brandimarte**; **Grace Bridges** with **Selena** and **William Bridges**; **Kate Briggs** with **Shanna** and **Lee Briggs**; **Carly Chase** with **Chloe Chase** and **Amy** and **Peter Chase**; **Kate Cobb** with **Farah** and **Hubert Oxford IV** and **Meghan** and **Tom Cobb**; **Dahlia Cockerill** with **Dawn** and **Thomas Cockerill**; **Ava Coffin** with **Brandi** and **Frank Coffin III**; **Campbell Collins** with **Amber** and **Warner Collins**; **Avery Daleo** with **Stephanie** and **Bernie Daleo**; **Raina Escobedo** with **Karen** and **Joe Escobedo**; **Sarah Fisher** and **Sarah** and **Darrell Fisher**; **Sophia Fisher** with **Kasia Super** and **Joss Fisher**; **Genevieve Gagne'** with **Lisa** and **Jacques Gagne**'; **Demi Hebert** with **Connie** and **Brian Hebert**; **Avery Hubbard** and **Janiah** and **Bruce Hubbard**; **Ava Jackson** and **Shannon Gonzalez** and **James Jackson**; **Kaydee Jones** with **Allie Neild** and **Ian Jones**; **Bree Latham** and **Nadine** and **Galin Latham**; **Lila** and **Meryl Lawdermilk** with **Christi** and **Rocky Lawdermilk**; **Fallon Morrow** and **Brooke** and **Michael Morrow**; **MacKenzie Neff** with **Jessica** and **Douglas Neff**; **Taylor Nguyen** and **Nu** and **Van Nguyen**; **Ireland Oliphant** with **Krista** and **David Parma** and **Christopher Oliphant**; **Remi Robison** with **Visa** and **Jeremy Robison**; **Elise Rogers** with **Rebecca** and **Jay Rogers**; **Elizabeth Rojas** with **Carmen** and **Charlie Rojas**; **Megan Shelton** with **Margaret Shelton** and the late **Jed Shelton**; **Olivia Spittler** with **Lola** and **Kenneth Duhon** and **Brian Spittler**; **Phoebe Strahan** with **Haley** and **Benjamin Strahan**; **Zarrya Thornhill** with **Lorenda** and **Earle Thornhill**; **Kharley Weighmann** with **Carla Weighmann**; and **Natalie Wilson** with **Marcia** and **Paul Wilson**. The Beaus presented were **River Bell**, son of **Heather** and **Evan Bell**; **Sam Bevilacqua III**, son of **Mellie** and **Sam Bevilacqua Jr.**, **Edward Bryan**, son of **Ashley** and **Tab Bryan**; **Case Crenshaw**, son of **Stacey** and **Casey Crenshaw**; **Carson Griffin**, son of **Mandy** and **Brent Griffin**; **Ethan Hall**, son of **Brooke** and **Daniel Hall**; **Harrison Hayes**, son of **Ann** and **Kyle Hayes**; **Thomas Heinz**, son of **Caroline** and **David Heinz**; **Hayden Henry**, son of **Kelly** and **Gaile Henry**; **Chad Kirby Jr**., son of **Noel** and **Chad Kirby Sr.**; **Jackson Maloney**, son of **Amy** and **Patrick Maloney**; **Taylor Neild Jr.**, son of **Andrea** and **Taylor Neild Sr.**; **Hudson Nichols**, son of **Jennifer Nichols** and **Bart Nichols**; **Isaac Nichols**, son of **Grace Nichols** and **Luke Nichols**; **Quintin Oxford**, son of and **Lindsay Sanders** and **Hubert Oxford IV**; **Jack Pope Jr.**, son of **Jamie** and **George Pope**; **Adrian Tarabay**, son of **Nicole** and **Michael Tarabay**; and **Jackson Youngblood**, son of **Marianne** and **Justin Youngblood**. A magical evening that will be remembered forever!

Happy anniversary… to **Abigail** and **Landon Steinhagen** (1 year), **Kim** and **Damian Torres** (22) and **Maurine** and **Paul Behrens** (70 years). Congrats!

Candles and cakes… belated best to **Judy Dishman, Marilyn Higgins, Rick Weaver, Kelly Roebuck, Dar Kavouspour** and **Brian Mazzola**. Bday wishes to **Don Hall, Anna Scheurich, Tabitha Cormier, Stephanie Jane, Donelson Campbell, David Fertitta, Maria Vickers, Billy Burrow, Sonny Tunstall, Matt LeBlanc, Roxie Lawson, Jane Kinsel, Bill Anderson, Sheila Hall, Karen Norwood, Paige Logsdon, Josh Maness, Kirby Smith, Erron Saucier, Joe Ramey, Meredith Hise, Allen Nelson, Bryan Skinner, Mike Dougay, Katherine McAtee, Charlie Foxworth, Paul Robichau, Seth Corkran, Thad Domino, Troy Taylor, Julie Scott, Joe Clark, Susan Dale, Aaron Eaves** and **Giles Kibbe**.

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Elaine Henderson and Hope Jackson



'American Idol' alum Kate Watson



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Super Bowl snack showdown

WEEKLY DISH

By Chad Cooper
Entertainment Editor

One of the biggest sporting spectacles in the world will take place this Sunday, Feb. 13, when the Cincinnati Bengals play the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, at 5:30 p.m. and will be shown on NBC.

The Super Bowl will be watched by nearly 100 million people in the U.S. alone. The game garners major interest from the non-football fans, even if you are watching for the commercials, or better yet the food!

There are some insane facts everyone should know about the consumption of food that takes place every year on this special day. Who doesn't enjoy a good Super Bowl spread of eats?

According to Jeremy Gray from TigerFitness.com, 1.3 billion chicken wings will be eaten. In fact, 7% of the year's chicken wings' sales will come on Super Bowl Sunday. That's a staggering





162.5 million pounds of chicken.

I personally recommend visiting Seth "Wing King" Hancock at Wing Junkies inside Parkdale Mall. A graduate from West Orange-Stark, Hancock has turned his popular Wing Junkies' food truck in Orange into a brick-and-mortar store that is drawing people from all corners of Southeast Texas.

The wings themselves are hand-battered, fresh out of the fryer and perfectly cooked. A nice crisp skin that makes for an easy bite. Sauces include Honey Glaze, Tropicana Orange, Swamp Thangz (Cajun flavor), Lemon Pepper, Straight Drop (Buffalo style), Sweet Wamm (spicy) and Salt and Pepper.

He has recently added something new to his menu. For a limited time, try the Deep Fried Zummo Chicken Cheese Kabob. Yes, deep fried with Zummo's sausage, chicken and cheese. Don't knock it until you try it.

An estimated 11.2 million pounds of potato chips will be inhaled. Instacart, an online grocery app, the most popular choice is Tostitos Scoops Tortilla Chips. You have to dip the chip into something, right? Well, how about avocados? About 139 million pounds of avocados will be







Popcorn trays from Pop Central Popcorn

purchased for the dip.

Guacamole dip is easy to make – ripe avocados. Peel and mash avocados in a bowl, then stir in some onions, garlic, tomato, lime juice, salt and pepper. Let it chill for a few hours and you are good to go.

Popcorn is another go-to favorite for those watching the big game – 3.8 million pounds of popcorn will be made. Don't use microwave popcorn, you can do better. Try Pop Central Popcorn at 2612 Dowlen Rd.

It's gourmet popcorn made fresh with dozens and dozens of different flavors – from savory, sweet and specialty. Some of their most popular sellers are caramel sea salt, movie theater, kettle corn, cotton candy mix, flamin' buffalo spud and they have recently introduced king cake popcorn.

Now, on to the beverages.

A whopping 325 million gallons of beer is consumed, which is 50 million cases. According to VinePair and Statista, Modelo Especial is a top seller beating out Corona. Last year, more Instacart users ordered this specialty beer for their Super Bowl parties than any other label.

Not everyone is a beer drinker, but most love soda and that because $2.37 million will be spent on "pop" this Sunday. Statista says that 41% of those watching the Super Bowl plan to drink a soda. We will likely see creative commercials from both Coke and Pepsi, but our choice is Dr. Pepper Zero Sugar.

Of course, Dr. Pepper is Texas' favorite soda. It's the oldest in America and was developed by pharmacist Charles Alderton in Waco in 1885. The company released Dr. Pepper Zero Sugar last summer and has been flying off the shelves since. It comes in three flavors – Original, Cream Soda and Cherry. Original is perfect.




Wing Junkies



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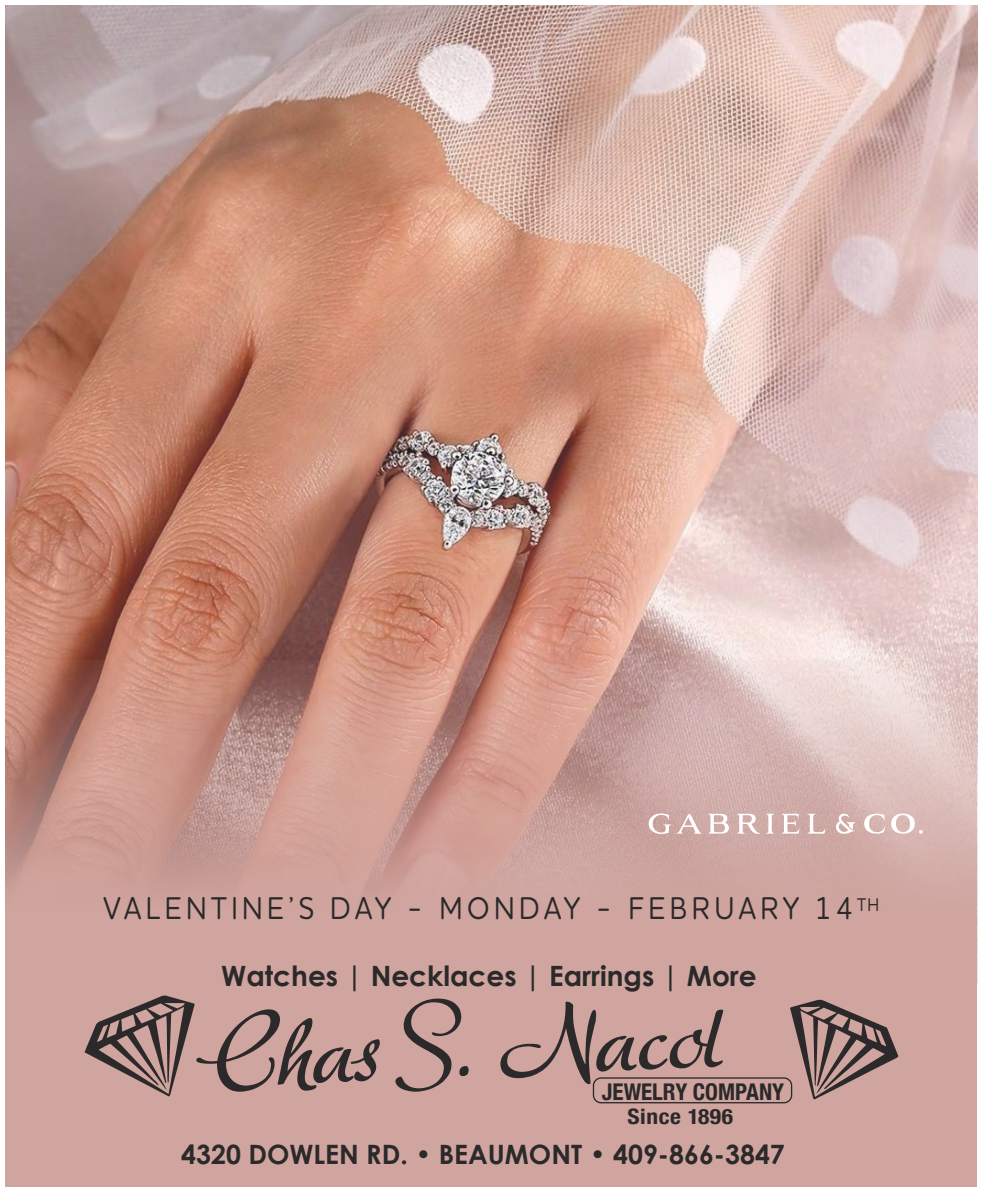


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Ice wines



Dan Berger
wine aficionado

Wine Talk

You'd think that the 2022 U.S. wine-grape harvest ended months ago, but curiously it's now harvest time in a small number of northern hemisphere areas with conditions that couldn't be stranger.

That's the word out in northern Michigan, which a week ago experienced such cold weather (minus 7 degrees F on Jan. 31!) that any grapes left hanging on vines actually froze, giving winemakers a chance to make extraordinary wines.

It is not a common wine, though true wine lovers can become so awestruck by it they will go to great lengths to obtain a bottle.

It's called ice wine, and it's a specialty that entails great risks for winemakers alongside being costly to make. On occasion, a winery will lose a huge amount of money trying to make one.

Ice wines may be made from almost any grape variety, from cabernet franc to riesling. The latter is especially important in Germany, where some of the best Eisweins command outrageous prices.

It's rare to see ice wines being made from common grapes because most are fragile, and freezing can not only destroy their skins, but also cause them to fall off the vine before they can be picked.

In Michigan, upstate New York and especially in Canada, the most common grape used to make ice wine is Vidal (vee'-doll), which often develops superb aromas of peach, pear, pineapple and a fascinating note that often reminds me of candle wax!

Most winemakers who intend to produce ice wines leave some table wine grapes on the vine until the weather turns cold. During weeks when grapes are left on vines, they develop unbelievable amounts of sugar, which attracts birds.

To protect berries from being eaten by scavengers, most wineries cover vines with netting – just one expensive aspect of making this stuff.

Then there's the question of temperature. Will it get low enough to freeze the grapes? If so, harvested fruit is sent to a press, where ice crystals become water while the remaining fruit is quickly taken to a fermentation tank.

But this isn't a traditional harvest: you really don't get grape "juice." Usually, it looks like syrupy jam. Some winemakers are forced to shovel the stuff – it doesn't flow!

This syrup usually has as much as 45% sugar, almost twice the amount they get from grapes for table wine.

And the volume they get is scant. A ton of grapes picked to make table wine typically yields 150 to 175 gallons – about 70 cases of wine. Grapes intended to become ice wines end up losing much of their weight through desiccation. The result is usually no more than 50 gallons from a ton. Ice wine case production from that amount: about 20 cases – less than a barrel.



CABERNET FRANC GEWÜRZTRAMINER RIESLING

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Then there's the task of fermenting it. Not only is the sugar outrageously high, but so is the acidity. Under those conditions, there's no guarantee the fermentation will proceed normally.

If all goes well, wineries that make ice wines will have a nectar perfect to pair with desserts – or to be served as dessert. Yes, it will be very sweet, but an ice wine will only be as good as it should be if its acidity is high, allowing it to balance the sugar.

I most appreciate ice wines that aren't cloying, where there's an equilibrium between tart and sweet.

Mike Kent of Traverse City Tourism said this year's cold temperatures allowed several Traverse City wineries to make ice wines, including Chateau Chantal, Black Star Farms, Brys Estate, Chateau Grand Traverse, 45 North, and Bel Lago.

Ice wines take a long time to ferment, so these wines won't be available for several months. And they'll be expensive, but small bottles are enough to serve several people – tiny sips of a delicious treat!

For questions about all things wine, email Berger at winenut@gmail.com.

Ideas for purple pink garden fun



Joette Reger
columnist

Garden Gate

When you get dressed in the morning, an idea of the color combination is always a good choice. Although my usual all black doesn't translate well to a garden plan, this analogy does help me think things through when I'm surrounded by a dazzling display of flowers at a garden center. Sometimes I just want to get them all and bring them home and plant, but that has often resulted in what I would later just call "a mess." Yes, a strategy for color is a good idea. Not only will it give better results, but a plan also usually saves you money.

Just like when you design a room or your daily wardrobe with color combinations in mind, you can rely on color to design your yard. Colors tie your outdoor space together. Maybe you find yourself often wearing yellows or blues or purples and there is some chance that you might like similar colors in your backyard.

Pinks and purples are colors that add energy in a beautiful way to your landscape. Keep it simple, too. Even if you decide on these colors forage for only these colors at garden centers, do it just for fun. Just turn your back on the color competitors. You can do it.

Whether you choose to have a cottage style, traditional or modern looking outdoor space, you will find the color choices you are longing for. Don't forget to research and order in native plants to fit your design idea.

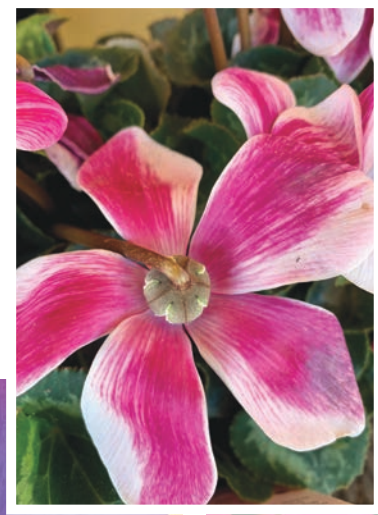
Let's say you start an area with all pinks, then once you get this base color started, you can begin to add in sections of the additional color and, in this case, purple. Just plant a little at a time. You can begin to think about your yard in terms of which colors to add to existing greenery, not on quantity of colors. Amy Fedele has a great short video on creating garden color schemes, using a color wheel, on her Purple Door Blog, if you want to watch something fun.

When you get down to it, gardens are really about color. You can get color from flowers, leaves, bark, outdoor furniture, fences and containers. Our outdoor spaces are meant to enhance our lives and to make our home look its best from the street. You can choose colors that sooth or colors that excite. It is your space and it's truly up to you.

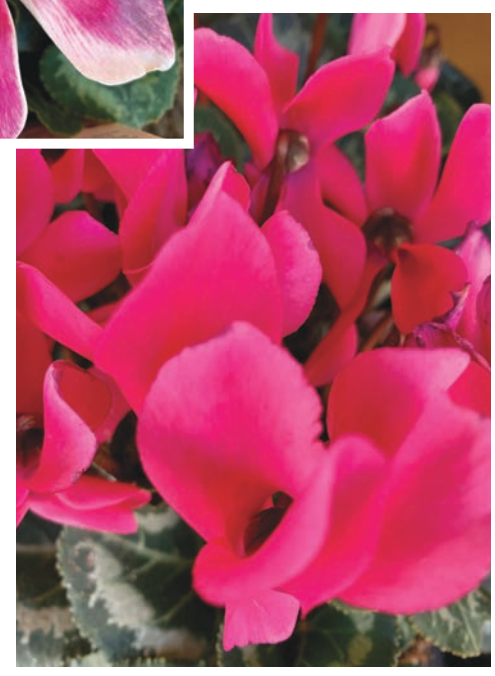
Some options are the lovely pink muhly grass, pink pampas grass, purple allium, purple bee balm, giant purple ombre hibiscus, pink salvia, purple salvia, purple heart, creeping thyme, gorgeous Hydrangeas, pink phlox, Mexican petunia, Mexican oregano, perennial Ageratum, rock rose, verbena and purple aster daisy. I can add to this list with the Texas superstars: summer snapdragon, whopper begonias, Laura Bush petunia, tidal wave petunia, butterfly deep pink pentas and trailing lantana. When a plant makes it to the Aggie Superstar list, then it is a winner!

Colors like pink and purple will always create a feeling of sanctuary and will make you take a deep breath and de-stress. Just add in a little string music, a glass of wine and think good thoughts.











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This timeless traditional home features original hardwood flooring but also has so many updates. The living room is large with woodburning fireplace and leads to a wonderful sunroom with tile flooring and windows that look out to the back yard. The second floor has a balcony that looks out to the front yard. The kitchen has granite counter tops, tile flooring and stainless appliances including a commercial range. The bathrooms have been updated with granite counter tops, tile flooring, tile shower and tub surround. The iron gate is coded and leads to the detached garage and storage building.



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Sabine River white bass run not happening



Robert Sloan
columnist

Outdoors

The very popular white bass run on the Sabine River above Toledo Bend Lake is on hold until we get a rise in the water level.

"It's too low to fish," said guide Bill Fondren. "Rayburn is four feet low. And the Sabine River is just about dried up. We need rain, and right now."

Typically, the river level about this time of year is up and the fishing for spawning white bass is off the charts good. But that is definitely not the case right now. Actually, looking for enough rain to bring the river level up is just about unheard of. But the catch there is that you might want to watch out for what you ask for. Like my grandpa used to say you pray for rain and then turn around and pray for it to stop.

Guide Jane Gallenbach, who runs River Ridge fishing and camping on the Sabine River, said her best catch this year was on Jan. 30. She reports that they kept 25, and released 25 more, with most of them being solid keepers.

"We need rain, the water is low but the ramp here at River Ridge is open," she said. "Smaller boats can launch without an issue. We launched our 18-foot boat but we had to float it out to the river, motor up and push with the paddle out to the river channel."

On the topic of size, the state water body record for this river is 4.04 pounds. That huge white was 20 inches long and was caught on March 19, 2010 by Ben Cornelius with a live minnow. The state record white bass was caught on the Colorado River on March 31, 1977. She weighed 5.56 pounds and was 20.75 inches long.

One option is to try kayaking on the river. In fact, that's a very good option on a lot of Texas rivers. The Nueces River in South Texas is low but kayakers there are catching pretty good numbers of white bass.

The Nueces River is a South Texas ribbon of water that, right now, is full of spawning white bass. You don't hear too much about this river, one that is actually 315 miles long, but right about now the parking lot at the boat ramp in George West will be jammed with trucks and boat trailers for the next few weekends, and it's all about catching white bass.

Carlos Fernandez has been fishing the Nueces for years.

"I like it because it's got easy access, and during the week you can fish it without having to put up with a ton of boat traffic," said Fernandez.

On any given day during February and March you can see a wide range of boats on this river that include small aluminum flat-bottoms, kayaks and canoes. There will be people fishing from the bank, wading, drifting and trolling.



"From the boat ramp you can head upstream and fish rock and gravel shoals, open water pockets and shallow riffles," said Fernandez. "Regardless of what type of boat you have you can fully expect to have to get out and do a combination of pulling and pushing. What some boaters do here is go to shallow areas, anchor the boat and wade. It's a good way to find pockets of schooling whites."

Some of the best lures are micro-spinnerbaits or plastic jigs. The best technique is to run the lures along bottom, or let them bounce along bottom in the fast-moving water.

Spawning whites on this river are on the small size, usually. But most are keepers. The state minimum for white bass is 10 inches, with a bag limit of 25 fish per day. The water body record for a white bass on the Nueces is 2.30 pounds, and was 18.25 inches long. It was caught on a live minnow.

The best access to the most popular white bass fishing on the Nueces in George West is at the Airport Road boat ramp. Take Hwy. 281 off Hwy. 59 and head towards Three Rivers. Just before you leave George West look for Airport Road on the right. Take it to the boat ramp. There is plenty of parking and it's free.



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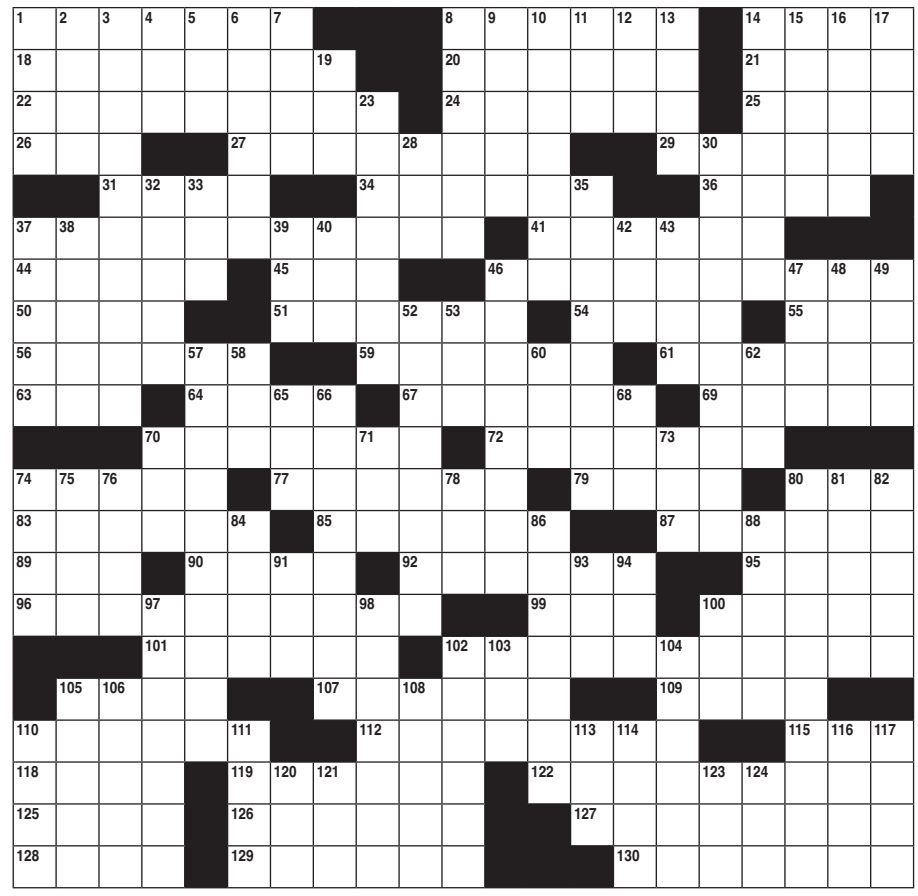
The Sabine River is low, and what we need to perk up the catches of white bass is a water level rise of about two feet. Some limit catches of whites are being caught out of River Ridge.

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ACROSS

1 Rock subgenre named for its vocal aesthetic
8 Like some space-saving beds
14 Styles that are picked, informally
18 Amateur
20 Disinclined (to)
21 Royal figure of sci-fi
22 Grammy for Kendrick Lamar's "DAMN." or Cardi B's "Invasion of Privacy"
24 Shuts down
25 American, abroad
26 Apt name for a worrier
27 Moving toward equilibrium, in biology
29 Legerdemain
31 Horse color
34 Prepares for a Ms. Olympia competition, say
36 Tiny foragers
37 "Here's an example …"
41 Insect with distinctive pincers
44 Without stop
45 Subj. for some future bilinguals
46 Sources of music in musicals
50 Splinter group
51 Brewing brothers
54 Capital of Japan's Hyogo Prefecture
55 It might be broken in overtime
56 Waits to publish, as an article
59 Second-rate
61 Pronoun pairing
63 Loop trains
64 Hornswoggle
67 De-creased
69 Luxury Hyundai
70 "Still da ____" (Trina title track of 2008)
72 Fluster
74 Kind of squash
77 One using cloves or garlic
79 What gets filled at a shell station?
80 Monthly condition, for short
83 Hairstyle protectors
85 Tabbouleh topping
87 Build, as interest
89 Kind of test
90 Board figure, informally
92 Recipe unit
95 Goddess in a peacock-drawn chariot
96 Marilyn Monroe wore a fuchsia one while singing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend"
99 Beverage that was a medieval source of nutrition
100 ____ President
101 Literary protagonist raised by wolves
102 "The Sound of Music" household
105 "Horned" creature
107 Turn one's back on
109 Laces (into)
110 Apelike
112 University of Montana city
115 Weasel word?
118 ____ Fielding, co-host of "The Great British Bake Off" beginning in 2017
119 Suffering from a losing streak, in poker slang
122 Secret exits represented five times in this puzzle's grid
125 "Bus Stop" playwright
126 Camping shelter
127 Advocates
128 Romanov ruler
129 Vulnerable
130 Most likely to inspire "thirst"

DOWN

1 Twins, e.g., for short
2 Site with tech tutorials
3 Gets out of a grave situation?
4 Scores for place-kickers
5 Mental health org.
6 They're thumped at supermarkets
7 Balls
8 Overly simplistic
9 Bake-off equipment
10 Major-____ (pro ballplayer)
11 OB/GYNs, e.g.
12 Application
13 Royal pain
14 Circus apparatus
15 Laugh or cry, say
16 "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" sounds
17 N.Y.C. retailer with a famed holiday window display
19 Rum ____ Tugger (cat in "Cats")
23 Like a romantic evening stroll, perhaps
28 [someone else's error]
30 Cause chaos
32 —
33 "That's it?"
35 Camping shelter
37 Only person to win an Oscar, Emmy and Tony in the same year (1973)
38 Kitty ____, stunt performer once known as the "fastest woman in the world"
39 Four-limbed animals
40 "Raiders of the Lost Ark" biter
42 Plato's P
43 Halloween decorations that can be made with cotton balls
46 Heavy metal's "Prince of Darkness"
47 "Am ____ only one?"
48 Level
49 Some skin-care products
52 Power up
53 A.L. East squad: Abbr.
57 Slice, for one
58 Give the ____
60 Stopover
62 —
65 —
66 Put on ice
68 Traffic control org.
70 Disco ____ (iconic garment for Lady Gaga)
71 "Chandelier" singer, 2014
73 Longtime record label
74 Annexes
75 Rube Goldberg machines, e.g.
76 Like some vaccines
78 A, in Berlin
80 Incline
81 Expansive work of art, usually
82 Disreputable
84 Annual Austin festival, familiarly
86 "This is too much"
88 One to be dethroned
91 One being coddled, maybe
93 Lacking any adulteration
94 Zing
97 One who may have attachment issues?
98 Small Nintendo console, once
100 Spring month in France
102 ____ 1, Yuri Gagarin's spacecraft
103 Cries in a tattoo parlor
104 Frothy coffee invented in Greece
105 —
106 Sign of resistance
108 Some bank deposits
110 Foul mood
111 Pelicans' home, informally
113 —
114 Girl in a tartan
116 Miner discoveries
117 Relative of "Hey!"
120 March Madness "trophy"
121 Road goo
123 Maliciously reveal personal info about online
124 "Mais ____!"

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Dear Annie:

My wife and I have three grandsons, 11, 8 and 6. We live in different states. Six years ago, we asked our daughter if the boys could come for a vacation. That year, the two oldest came, and the following year, all three came to visit for two weeks. When the pandemic hit, we were able to help out by taking care of the three boys for about four months.

Since the first visit, the boys' parents divorced. Now my ex-son-in-law will not let the boys come for a visit. If he has given a reason, we are not aware of it. The boys discuss their upcoming summer break when we call. All three have discussed things they want to do when they come visit. How do we break the news to them that they will not be coming to visit?

Our daughter did say she would come with the boys for a two-week visit, but it's not the same for us. We just feel the boys are different when it's just us and them, and not their mom. We love our daughter and want to spend time with her, but we want some special time with the boys, too. Are we being too picky?

– Sad/Mad Grandpa

Dear Sad/Mad Grandpa:

You are not being too picky by wanting some quality time alone with your grandsons. The bond between grandchild and grandparent is a special one, and it's wonderful that you're so close to all three of them.

Tell your daughter how much you value your grandparent-grandson trips, and ask what's preventing her ex-husband from allowing one this year. If she's comfortable, you might want to reach out to him directly and express your feelings to him, too.

If they're still opposed, maybe you fly to their state this summer to maximize time with your grandsons.

Dear Annie:

My boyfriend, "Denny," and I have been together for two years, living together for the last year. He is a slob and oblivious to the mess he makes. When he fixes things in the house, he leaves his tools everywhere. He leaves spices and packaging all over the kitchen when he cooks. His clothes are scattered all over the house. He loses everything and never puts anything back where it belongs. I walk behind him all day, cleaning up his mess.

I feel like I'm taking care of a child. I attempt to be organized; there is a place (a hook, a bin, a cupboard) for everything, but nothing is ever in its place! The worst part is that he is clueless that he does this. I've made every attempt to prompt him, show him, demonstrate to him how to clean up after himself, but he just doesn't get it. I'm ready to start throwing his stuff out the window. What else can I do to get him to clean up behind himself?

– Cleaning the Chaos

Dear Cleaning the Chaos:

You said it yourself; Denny's "oblivious" and "clueless" to his own mess. Have you ever brought it up? Odds are that he's not aware of the difference in your cleanliness standards, or he just doesn't realize it bothers you.

Don't beat around the bush. No more "prompting" or "demonstrating" what a clean home looks like. Denny isn't a mind-reader.

If you tell him how you feel and he still doesn't pick up after himself, you might suggest doing a joint purging of your belongings. After all, fewer possessions mean fewer items to be strewn all over your home. Marie Kondo's "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" is a great place to start.

Dear Annie:

I am the oldest of five children. Two of my younger siblings have already died, one of alcoholism at 59 and another of a drug overdose at 55. A third, younger alcoholic sibling, now 59, has a life that is a real train wreck. She seems well on the path to following in our late siblings' footsteps, and I am afraid she, too, will die. She says she will not quit drinking.

I am terrified, angry, anxious, heartbroken and disappointed. I have not been a supportive big sister due to all of these complicated feelings, but I also don't know what my responsibilities are. Do I have any?

– Big Sister

Dear Big Sister:

Alcohol and substance abuse are debilitating and unforgiving addictions; I'm so sorry for the pain and loss it has caused you and your family. With the right resources and a strong, loving big sister on her side, I hope your younger sister will be able to regain control of her life.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and her local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter are excellent places to start. A licensed therapist can also help your sister to work through the trauma of your family's past and lead her to the root and recovery of her own addiction to drinking. (You may find comfort from your own Al-Anon chapter.)

Most importantly, let your sister know that she will always have you in her corner

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as a source of love and support. She may be using drinking as a way to avoid her problems or find comfort in times of sadness and loneliness. With your shared past, the two of you can certainly relate to, and lean on, each other in dark times. After all, that's what sisters are for. But if she rejects your support, there's really nothing you can do. We can't help people who don't want to help themselves.

Dear Annie:

I read your answer to "Speed Bump in My Speech," who debated whether or not to include she has a speech impediment in her online dating profile after doing so for years and attracting the wrong matches. I'd like to add to your suggestion.

I am a 47-year-old woman and have walked with a limp since birth. Many years ago, when I was looking to settle down, my parents suggested I not mention the limp during the initial phone call days. To them, I am a very well-educated, intelligent, charming woman who guys will find hard to say no to, especially after great initial conversations. I followed it for almost six months and realized when guys found the limp off-putting, I was severely depressed for the first time in my life.

That's when my best friend mentioned that written words have immense power and suggested writing down the qualities of the man I am seeking in my diary. With that clarity and a few months' time later, I was lucky enough to fall in love with and marry the first person with whom I decided to go on a date. I told him about my limp within 15 minutes of our first conversation. He matched the exact qualities I was looking for in a life partner. We have been married for over 21 years now and have two beautiful daughters.

I wish all the best for "Speed Bump" to find her love.

– Quite Requited Love

Dear Requited Love:

Thank you for your letter; I love a happy ending.

Dear Annie:

My husband and I are in an incredibly loving marriage. He cheated on me a week before our wedding. He was under the influence and really not thinking straight. We have both grown stronger and closer because of this. A few months ago, he was the driver for a support vehicle following bike riders in a charity event. Each night, all of these men drank a lot, and my husband was around a lot of alcohol and cheated on me again.

He regrets this so much, and you can see his pain every day when he says he's sorry. We both know drinking is not good for us, but alcohol is in the house every day. He's supposed to be weaning off, but I don't see it happening. The alcohol in the house leads me to drink, and I'm trying not to. How can I talk to my husband about how I don't think this is good for us and am scared it'll lead him to cheat again?

We've talked about it before, and we were really doing well, but then that trip happened, and it's been downhill since. Please help!

– Done With This

Dear Done With This:

Alcohol addiction is a serious condition, and I am sorry for the pain it has caused for you and your husband. The fact that he may have used alcohol while driving a vehicle is especially dangerous. You should both contact your local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous and seek couples counseling as soon as possible to regain control of your marriage.

CHUCK SHEPHERD'S
NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Wait, what?

Clive Jones, 66, a retired teacher in Derby, England, calls himself the "world's most prolific sperm donor," having fathered 129 children, with nine currently on the way. Jones has been donating his semen for nine years through Facebook, he told DerbyshireLive, because of the "happiness it brings" to donee families. But his wife of more than 40 years isn't so pleased; they now live apart. Jones explained that he drives to a park near the donee's home and collects the sample in the back of his van (complete with window curtains), then texts them to say he'll "be round in three minutes." England's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has issued a medical warning about Jones, saying, "If arrangements are made outside of the clinic environment, there can be medical and legal risks."

Inappropriate

Tourists and locals in Venice, Italy, got all judgy on Jan. 21 when a 30-year-old Czech woman stripped off her top and went for a swim near the Monument to the Partisan Woman, a bronze sculpture of a reclining woman that rests partly in and partly out of the water. After her dip, the unnamed woman climbed onto the monument and posed for pictures, CNN reported. "It's like going to Rome, leaping in the Trevi Fountain and then saying, 'What do you mean, you can't do this?'" said Mario Nason, who was walking by with his son at the time. "Why do people do these things in Venice that they wouldn't do elsewhere? They probably didn't know that the statue of the woman lying there was a dead partisan. But it's treating Venice like a beach." Police banned the woman from Venice for 48 hours and fined her $513.

Bright ideas

Zachary Taylor Blood, 33, of Galveston, Texas, pleaded guilty on Jan. 25 to trying to smuggle two men into the United States in a flag-draped coffin, The New York Times reported. Blood showed up at a border patrol checkpoint near Encino, Texas, on Oct. 26, where he told the agent he was hauling a "Dead guy, Navy guy" when asked about his cargo. But the agent, who was a military veteran, noticed the "rusty and dented coffin" and saw that the flag had been "crudely taped" to it. Agents explored further and found two live men, cousins, inside the coffin. One man told agents that it had been hot and hard to breathe in the box, and he had agreed to pay $6,000 to be smuggled to San Antonio. Blood will be sentenced on May 11 and could receive up to five years in federal prison.

The Irish Times reported that on Jan. 21, two men carried Peader Doyle, 66, into a post office in Carlow, Ireland, and inquired about collecting his pension. Staff and other customers became concerned about Doyle, as he seemed unresponsive, and made efforts to resuscitate him, but he was already deceased. While an investigation showed there was no foul play in his death, the two men were detained by police on Jan. 26. One of the men had gone to the post office earlier that day to try to

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7 Little Words

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all the letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 spoilsport (6)	
2 themes (6)	
3 deep-fried tortilla (7)	
4 quill's target, often (9)	
5 wild American feline (6)	
6 put out, as a book (9)	
7 looking a bit like (10)	

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NER	ENT	EM	PAR	PU
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ISH	ING	RES	BL	CHM

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 set down in writing (8)	
2 hackneyed (6)	
3 having doubts (10)	
4 beginning a journey (9)	
5 specially made (6)	
6 website divisions (5)	
7 fundamental (6)	

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GES	CHE	CUS	COR	ARK
SU	AL	EMB	IO	PA

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 pretentiously impressive (9)	
2 sleight-of-hand expert (11)	
3 fell back (9)	
4 bird or country (6)	
5 one who is watching ewe (8)	
6 they're measured in hands (6)	
7 anticipated (8)	

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PH	SES	TED	IST	ILL
REA	ECT	NDI	HOR	TUR

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collect Doyle's pension, but he was told the person had to be there. Both insisted that Doyle was alive but unwell when they left his home and that they helped him as he walked to the post office. They believe he died there.

Sounds like a song

Danville, Pennsylvania, residents were warned to look out for three small monkeys run amok after a crash between two trucks on Jan. 21, The Daily Item reported. State Trooper Andrea Pelachick said a truck with 100 African monkeys on board was on its way to a laboratory when it collided with a dump truck. She tweeted that "a small number of monkeys may have fled the scene" after escaping from their carriers. The three escapees were later located and humanely euthanized.

Teacher of the year

Robin Hughes teaches special education students at SouthShore Academy in Tampa, Florida, where most of her kindergarten kids had never seen snow, United Press International reported. So Hughes got in touch with her sister, Amber Estes, who lives in Danville, Kentucky. "I said I want you to make me a snowman, and I want you to overnight him to me and see if he can make it to the school," Hughes said. "I want these children in Florida to see snow." Estes said she wrapped Lucky the snowman in foil and packed him with ice in Styrofoam, and "off he went to the local UPS Store." Hughes said her students had looks of "pure joy" on their faces when Lucky was unwrapped on Jan. 20.

The way the world works

With a snowstorm bearing down on New England, residents of five homes on Hampshire Street in Metheun, Massachusetts, have a real problem: The city will no longer remove snow from their street. Mayor Neil Perry sent a letter to homeowners alerting them to the change, which he attributed to the street being private property. He told NBC10 Boston that he received an anonymous tip about the property ownership. But neighbors are not having it: "There is a storm coming this weekend. Like, God forbid 911 needs to be called in," said Collette Maksou. Cornelia Illmann hoped the city would reconsider: "We pay taxes, just as any other resident of Methuen does." However, the assistant city solicitor is holding their ground.

Oops

Diners eating on the deck at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, were plunged into the Intracoastal Waterway when the deck partially collapsed on Jan. 21. NBC6 South Florida reported that three people swam to a nearby boat, where they were pulled out of the water, and two of them went to the hospital with minor injuries. Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Stephen Gollan said the dock had apparent signs of decay and areas that had visibly been recently repaired.

New world order

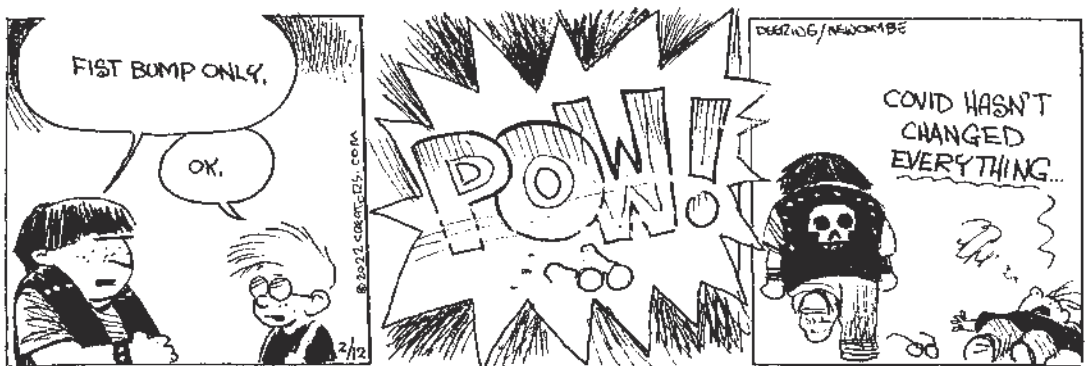
In an elementary school classroom in Berlin, one student is a little ... different from the others. Joshua Martinangeli, 7, is too ill to attend school in person, so a robot avatar sits at his desk and relays lessons to him at home. "The children talk to him, laugh with him and sometimes even chitchat with him during the lesson," the school's headmistress, Ute Winterberg, told Reuters. The avatar displays a blinking signal when Joshua wants to say something. The school district bought four of the avatars for use in the classrooms during COVID-19, but officials believe they'll be used beyond the pandemic. When asked whether he'll be happy for Joshua to return to school, his classmate Noah Kuessner said he likes it "either way because I like the avatar."

Least competent criminal

Augie's Grocery Deli in Jersey City, New Jersey, was the target of three robberies by the same crook over six days, Oddee.com reported. Not only did the masked perp take cash and merchandise, but he assaulted Augie Lopez, 77, and his wife, Nilda Moldonado, even though Lopez is disabled. The robberies took place on Jan. 10, 15 and 16. But when he came back on Jan. 21, Officer Maurice Johnson was lying in wait for him. "He (Johnson) was going to stand outside the store, but I told him to come inside and sit down, but don't let yourself be seen," Lopez said. When the robber saw Johnson, he ran out the front door and into the arms of Lopez's son, Officer Agustin Lopez Jr. Travis Nealy, 34, was arrested and charged with several crimes. "I feel much, much safer now," Lopez said.

Zack Hill

By John Deering and John Newcombe



Su·do·ku

Yoogi games (www.yoogi.com)

- Fill the cells in such a way that each row, column and 3x3 subsquare has digits 1-9.
- Some digits are already given as clues.

Medium — Puzzle No. 1

3	6		1	7	9			4
							7	
	7	5	2				8	
	1			5	4			
7								6
			9	1			4	
	9				8	7	6	
	2							
4			6	2	1		9	5

Medium — Puzzle No. 2

5			7	9		2		
1				8			6	3
3					4			
		5						7
6		2	8	7	1	4		9
9						8		
			9					4
2	1			4				6
		6		3	8			5

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Broken adults

We often see very "broken adults" trying to play big roles in life, giving advice, asking dumb questions, causing hurt and chaos in other lives, and presenting a smug front.

Reminds me of an old expression, "Physician, heal thyself."



Brenda Cannon Henley
columnist

I heard an adult daughter chide her heartbroken father not long ago because he had made his own decision to go out to eat with an old friend after spending heartbroken hours alone after the death of a much-loved spouse. This broken child is way too involved in her good father's life. In her anger and frustration at the thought of loss of control, she shouted out, "What would Mama think?"

I wrote two articles/stories about this matter, on request. And, I thought about the circumstances. Having heard from many, I honestly think the deceased mother would say, "Go for it. Don't sit home lonely and sad. Find company in your life and be happy as we were happy."

My now deceased husband, Ted, whom I adored and admired, had this discussion about whether each of us would seek another relationship should one go first. Ted assured me we should if God so ordained and we felt His peace about a new relationship. I well remember what Ted said as the conversation concluded. "I personally believe the best indicator of a good happy marriage is not frequent words, bit solid actions. If you were truly happy in your past relationship, you'd miss that companionship and sharing. I'd want you to be happy and share your life with a good person." He was wise like that and I agree with his philosophy.

This very broken adult daughter, not in any meaningful relationship, did not intend to share her daddy with anyone not of her choosing. It is greatly a matter of control and "property ownership." I think Mama would say if she could, "Grow up. Be responsible. Turn loose. Fix your own brokenness before you cause more."

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PET OF THE WEEK

LET'S CLEAR THE SHELTERS



This week's Pet of the Week from Beaumont Animal Care is a 1-year-old female pit bull terrier-mix named Sunkist, who was picked up as a stray by one of our officers. She has seen multiple of her kennel mates come and go, but not one single person has shown interest in her.

It's easy to overlook Sunkist because of her chill personality. If she's napping, then she won't bother to get up! While Sunkist is a go with the flow girl, she does enjoy walks and soaking in the sun. She isn't a picky girl and will chow down on any treat you have to offer.

If you have a sibling for Sunkist, she can't wait to start bonding with them. She becomes friends with every dog she meets and will become their little shadow. Whether she snuggles up on the couch with you or on the dog bed with her new sibling, she'll be happy!

Her adoption fee is $70. For more information about adopting Sunkist or other pets, contact BAC at (409) 838-3304 or visit 1184 Pine St. in Beaumont.

Su·do·ku Solutions

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Medium — Puzzle No. 1

3	6	8	1	7	9	2	5	4
9	4	2	8	6	5	1	7	3
1	7	5	2	4	3	6	8	9
6	1	9	7	5	4	3	2	8
7	5	4	3	8	2	9	1	6
2	8	3	9	1	6	5	4	7
5	9	1	4	3	8	7	6	2
8	2	6	5	9	7	4	3	1
4	3	7	6	2	1	8	9	5

Medium — Puzzle No. 2

5	6	8	7	9	3	2	4	1
1	9	4	2	8	5	7	6	3
3	2	7	6	1	4	5	9	8
4	8	5	3	2	9	6	1	7
6	3	2	8	7	1	4	5	9
9	7	1	4	5	6	8	3	2
8	5	3	9	6	2	1	7	4
2	1	9	5	4	7	3	8	6
7	4	6	1	3	8	9	2	5

Crossword Solution

Puzzle on page 20B

S	C	R	E	A	M	O	■	■	F	O	L	D	U	P	■	F	R	O	S	
I	N	E	X	P	E	R	T	■	A	V	E	R	S	E	■	L	E	I	A	
B	E	S	TRAP	A	L	B	U	M	■	C	E	A	S	E	S	■	Y	A	N	K
S	T	U	■	■	O	S	M	O	S	I	N	G	■	■	T	R	I	C	K	S
■	■	R	O	A	N	■	■	O	I	L	S	U	P	■	■	A	N	T	S	■
F	O	R	I	N	S	T	A	N	C	E	■	E	A	R	W	I	G	■	■	■
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S	E	C	T	■	■	TRAP	P	I	S	T	S	■	K	O	B	E	■	T	I	E
S	I	T	S	O	N	■	■	T	W	O	B	I	T	■	S	H	E	H	E	R
E	L	S	■	R	O	O	K	■	I	R	O	N	E	D	■	A	Z	E	R	A
■	■	■	B	A	D	D	E	S	T	■	U	N	N	E	R	V	E	■	■	■
A	C	O	R	N	■	S	P	I	C	E	R	■	T	A	C	O	■	P	M	S
D	O	R	A	G	S	■	T	A	H	I	N	I	■	■	A	C	C	R	U	E
D	N	A	■	E	X	E	C	■	O	N	E	C	U	P	■	■	H	E	R	A
S	TRAP	L	E	S	S	G	O	W	N	■	■	A	L	E	■	M	A	D	A	M
■	■	■	M	O	W	G	L	I	■	V	O	N	TRAP	P	F	A	M	I	L	Y
■	T	O	A	D	■	■	D	I	S	O	W	N	■	■	R	I	P	S	■	■
S	I	M	I	A	N	■	■	M	I	S	S	O	U	L	A	■	■	P	O	P
N	O	E	L	■	O	N	T	I	L	T	■	T	R	A	P	D	O	O	R	S
I	N	G	E	■	L	E	A	N	T	O	■	■	E	S	P	O	U	S	E	S
T	S	A	R	■	A	T	R	I	S	K	■	■	■	S	E	X	I	E	S	T

7 Little Words Solution

Puzzle on page 21B

Puzzle 1

1. DOWNER 2. TOPICS 3. TOSTADA 4. PARCHMENT
5. BOBCAT 6. PUBLISHED 7. RESEMBLING

Puzzle 2

1. RECORDED 2. CLICHE 3. SUSPICIOUS
4. EMBARKING 5. CUSTOM 6. PAGES 7. PRIMAL

Puzzle 3

1. GRANDIOSE 2. ILLUSIONIST 3. RETREATED
4. TURKEY 5. SHEPHERD 6. HORSES 7. EXPECTED


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